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REVIEWS

An Historical Essay on the Real Character and Amount of the Precedent of the Revolution of 1688, &c. By R. Plumer Ward, Esq., Author of 'Tremaine.' 2 vols. Murray.

Avy stick, the vulgar opine, will serve to beat adog; and political partizans are seldom very scrupulous in the choice. If Mr. Ward has collected the bundle of crooked sticks, here presented to us, in order to put a shillelagh into the hands of every conservative journalist, and at the same time to enable the junior partners in "the House" to make a plausible fight over the bottle, we cannot think that he has absolutely laboared in vain. A choicer collection of sophisms, a prettier game at cups and balls, a fairer array of half-thinking, a nicer arrangement of undefined and confusion-breeding words, it has rarely been our good fortune to encounter; and the parties for whose use they seem to have been strung together are not the men we take them for, if they don't make the welkin ring with their crowing commentaries upon the convenient

Mr. Ward divides his work as follows:—
1st. As to the general proposition, of the right of resistance at the pleasure of the people, and the cases when that right may be exercised.' "2nd. As to the sovereignty of the people itself, and as to their supposed compact with their mlers." "3rd. As to the exact amount and force of the historical precedent afforded by the Revolution of 1688." To these are added remarks " on the character of the Revolution, and on the means by which it was brought about."

The book, then, consists of two parts; theory, as to the right to resist, and fact, as to the mode in which resistance was carried on in 1688. As to the character and conduct of the leading personages engaged in the Revolution, and the exact share borne in that event by the numerical body of the people-that the former were less than perfect, and the latter were short of an absolute majority, are, we apprehend, no great novelties. Mr. Ward, it seems to us, has, in making the discovery, lighted (to use an established parliamentary phrase) on a mare's-nest. We have always maintained (and we believe that most reflecting persons hold the same faith), that the heroes of 1688 were anything but angels; that the patriotism of many of them was largely mixed with personal and sordid motives; and that while their views were far from clear, and developed themselves to the actors only as they proceeded, so the conduct of the transaction was not always marked by great nicety and scruple in the choice of means. To come to this conclusion, it is not necessary to consult recondite documents of history—one page of the great book of nature, well read, will satisfy us that such must be the destiny of every revolu-tion that ever has occurred, or ever will. A few enthusiasts preach a great political mission, a few honest men combine to work out the practical truth, but the daily progress of the move-ment will inevitably fall into the management of persons taken, not chosen, from the mass, and these must approach very nearly to the average of human infirmity: happy when they do not fall below it. Again, nothing can be clearer than that if James had been a better man than he was, and had been surrounded by staunch friends, he

would (as the author asserts) have stood a better chance of success; but how barren is this truth. Had James possessed more intellect and courage, he probably would not have even provoked the rebellion; and, that his friends were false, or (to state the matter less invidiously) felt themselves driven upon the course they took, must be in a great measure attributed to the personal defects of a man, who could neither be served nor trusted.

To this extent Mr. Ward's statement is correct; but the exaggeration in which he has clothed it has enveloped his "ha'p'orth" of veracity in an "intolerable deal" of sophistry and misrepresentation. Further, if the great men who accepted of James's favours, and afterwards betrayed him, be estimated, not merely by their actions, but by the character of the times in which they lived, a large allowance must be made for their defective morality. The restoration, with many circumstances that preceded it, had reduced the general morality of the gentry to a low ebb; and if the attention be not confined to the mere act of the revolution, but carried backward to the return of Charles, and forward to the close of the reign of George II., it will be difficult to find in an equal portion of any other history, such a mass of corruption, treason to all causes, imbecility, and pettifogging meanness, as floated to the surface, during the whole of this long period. The sum of Mr. Ward's extravagant charges against the patriots of 1688 might have been true, and yet those men have been no worse than the rest of their contempo-

Then as to the intervention of the people in that event, it is of the very elements of the history of that time that the revolution was supported mainly by the mercantile interest and by the civilized inhabitants of great towns, while the rural population, with the squirearchy at their head, were besotted in ignorance and servility. Mr. Ward surely has not yet to learn that the momentum in politics, as in physics, is not merely as the mass, but as the velocity also. In the Revolution, as now, intelligence and activity went for everything; and it is right and fitting that intelligence and activity should have the mastery in human affairs. In speaking, too, of the people, we must not use that term with reference to our own experience. In that sense, there was no people in those days: a small fraction only of the masses possessed the information necessary to the discharge of popular functions. Divided, moreover, and without means of rapid communication; alarmed, too, by the recent failure of Monmouth's rebellion, and by the execution of Sidney and of Russell, it is not to be wondered that individuals were slow to join the revolutionary standard. It does not, however, follow, from that fact, that the influential body of the nation were not favourable to the body of the hatton were not travallative to the cause; the very success of the revolution proves the contrary. We confess we do not quite see the author's drift in putting forward this statement. Having, with an advocate's one-sided zeal, taken all means to show that the Revolution was vicious in principle, and corrupt, fraudulent, and treacherous in practice, why should Mr. Ward, writing as a Tory, strive, by exonerating the people, to lay the whole burden on the Whig lords and gentry? They were Whigs, it is true; but they were still aristo-their pleasure." But if the people are not the

crats; and the moral of the tale, as he tells it, if it have any, is that aristocrats are not a part of the people, but a distinct race, of low morality, of small capacity, and not to be trusted with the lead in a popular movement. Call you this backing your friends? We call it ultra-radicalism, and ultra nonsense.

Touching the theoretical portion of the work, Mr. Ward has not been happier than with his facts. In attacking the bypothesis of a social compact, he is merely fighting windmills. No man, who has earned the reputation of a sound thinker, now holds that position to be more than a convenient fiction for the illustration of an argument. In all human affairs, principles are embodied in fact, before they are acknowledged in theory. Law itself existed as a fact, before it was set forth in general rules, and fortified by extrinsic sanctions. In the instance before us, religion-as Mr. Ward truly remarksbore a great share; and the restraints upon religious liberty (restraints the most grievous to endure) drove men on the pursuit of civil rights, before their intelligence had investigated the nature of their pursuit, or mastered the objects and means of social government. Notwithstanding the acuteness of some of the great men of the "great rebellion," who had worked out the problem of political rights and duties to something like an intelligible form, the revolution burst upon mankind as a fact, before its justification as a theory was thought of by the people at large; and, accordingly, Locke extemporized one for the occasion. In his work on govern-ment, Locke, it is now generally admitted, paid his tribute to the age in which he lived,-perhaps partaking a portion of its political igno-rances,—perhaps, in accommodating his reasons to them. In clearness of intellect, no less than in vigour of will, the people had fallen off from the condition of their immediate predecessors; and the informed were too far in advance of the masses to venture on scattering truths open-handed: Locke's theory, therefore, might have been a more compromise with prejudice. But the question is not whether he, or Macintosh, or any other writer, has argued the matter well. We are more immediately concerned, to know what are a people's rights to resist, and how they are to be modified in practice: and this is a question which Mr. Ward leaves more puzzled than he finds it. Unquestionably, the right to resist depends not upon constitutional law, but upon a much higher authority—the law of nature. Logically, therefore, the Whig writers were wrong to place it upon the latter basis. But that the right is, and must be, acknowledged by the constitution, is not the less deducible from its very nature and essence as a constitution. For in conferring a right, if the law removes all penal consequences from any one, however exalted, who attempts its tiolation, it is mere waste paper. In decreeing the end, a constitution, then, decrees those things which are to that end a sine qua non. The right to resist, indeed, Mr. Ward, does not venture directly to deny; but he insinuates it away by confining its use-nay its simple ac-knowledgment-"to the closet." For wherein

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judges in this instance, who are? What body, corporate or sole, has the law appointed as a standing convention for revising the constitution, and adapting it to new circumstances? None! The Americans stand alone in providing for such a want. The people, therefore, are the sole judges, and in the nature of things they must be so; not thereby meaning the populace, as the author would insinuate, but populus totius Angliae,—that is, every man, after his means and capacity, including the highest, and not ex-

cluding the lowest.

We have neither leisure nor space for following Mr. Ward through the whole series of his very involved and perplexing cavils; and we have the less desire to do so, because we think the error is less with him, than with the nature of the investigation itself. The true object of poli-tical morality, as a science, is not so much to determine what man ought to do, as what he will do, in any given contingency. Motives, in this case, are not those things which should bind: but those which, by their intrinsic force, do, and must bind. In that sense, no king, or constitu-tional code, can be said to exert obligatory influence on the subject, save through the instrumentality of physical force, or through the force of opinion. A government that is not beneficent, cannot long wield the latter; and the former will soon follow in its train, and disappear with it, if the governed be enlightened and energetic. This is the whole philosophy of the question; and to seek for a metaphysical obligation beyond these, is inevitably to plunge into the theory of divine right, and to involve the subject in a labyrinth of confusion

The real objection of Mr. Ward, and of writers of his stamp, is, after all, less, perhaps, to the principle itself, of resistance to oppression, than to its possible abuse. They seem to think, that the possession of the right leads inevitably to its frequent and silly exercise. Now, this is not only a narrow, but a fallacious fear. Do they who think the people envious and grudging of the enjoyments of the rich, and covetous of other men's property,—and that, too, in the face of all history,—do they ground their apprehensions on a knowledge of their own infirmities in those respects? We do not say so; but in behalf of human nature, and of the working classes of our own country, we deny the fact. Encroachment on one side, may, in politics, beget encroachment on the other; but the working classes of England, -we assert it boldly,-are not robbers and spoilers, either in deed or in desire; and we protest, with all the energy of conscious truth, against the notion, whether asserted openly, or ensconced behind an insinuated inference.

Arts and Artists in England. By G. F. Waagen,
Director of the Royal Gallery at Berlin.
3 vols. Murray.

It is some months since this work was first introduced to the public by a notice in this Journal (Athen. No. 523). The extracts then given excited a good deal of attention; and there can be no doubt that a complete translation will be most welcome. We feel, indeed, so assured of it, that we are happy to avail ourselves of the opportunity of returning to the subject. We ought, perhaps, in justice to Dr. Wangen, to make our selections from his general criticisms on art; but English artists must be naturally anxious to know what is said of them by the Director of the Berlin Academy; we intend, therefore, to confine ourselves to this subject. And first, of English art generally, as shown in the National Gallery:—

"Of its most eminent names the National Gallery possesses some of the most celebrated works. As I had hitherto hardly known anything of these masters except from engravings, the sight of their

paintings was particularly interesting to me. I was thereby induced to form an idea of the peculiarities of the English school of painting, and its relation to the other schools, of which I here give you some particulars. The origin of original painting in England, is in the eighteenth century, that is, at a time when both the original schools of the whole of modern times, of Italy, the Netherlands, and Germany, and their branches in France and Spain, had long lost their peculiar character, and in their stead, there had succeeded all over Europe, a manufacture of cold, monotonous, spiritless pictures, founded on the general rules and precepts of art, which were communicated in the various celebrated academies. The demands of religion, the broad foundation on which in other schools, historical painting had gradually grown up, from its first infancy to vigorous maturity. no longer existed. This highest branch of art was now only occasionally in request, for the decoration of palaces and other public buildings; all other demands on living artists were confined to portraits. Even the tradition of the technical part of painting, which had been conscientiously handed down in the old schools of living art, as the most indispensable fundamental condition, even of the highest perforfundamental conductor, even of the highest performances, had been gradually forgotten, as of inferior importance, amid all those dead rules of pure taste, and ideal beauty of form. When, therefore, men of decided genius for painting, such as Hogarth, and afterwards Reynolds, appeared in England, found neither a foundation of technical knowledge, nor a more elevated and animated intellectual direction of art. Under this twofold deficiency English painting appears to me to labour, though in a lessening degree, even to our time. That hollow and empty idealism, at variance with all nature, which was then advocated as the only safe road for historical painting, necessarily offended every genuine talent for the arts, the first condition of which is a lively feeling for nature, and, as always happens, leads to a prejudiced opposition. This was the case with Hogarth. He had an eminent talent for catching what was characteristic in nature, and applying it to dramatic representations. If a painter, with the mind of Hogarth, had appeared in Florence in the fifteenth century, he would doubtless have treated with great applause, from the circle of the religious notions of those times, many highly dramatic scenes of monastic life, in which his turn for humour would have found its account, in many burlesque traits of the mode of life in the convents, which many painters of that time did not suffer to escape them. But as his age afforded him no general form in which he might have displayed his talents, he invented, in order to express himself in his own way, a new species of painting, namely, the moral-humorous, which holds in the general domain of painting nearly the same rank as the drama of ordinary life in poetry; so that Hogarth is to Raphael, as Molière to Sophocles. The former show us man, dependent on his animal nature and on his passions, and according to the manner and the degree in which these are opposed to his higher intellectual nature, excite laughter, compassion, contempt, abhorrence, disgust. The others show us the predominance of the divine nature in man, whether in combating that animal nature, and the passions, in honourable defeat, or in dignified composure after victory, and fill us with admiration, astonishment, veneration, rapture.

"This moral-humorous department is the only one in which the English have enlarged the domain of painting in general; for, with the exception of a few pictures by Jan Steen, I know nothing similar of an earlier period. In all other branches they are more or less excelled by the other schools. Portrait painting is the branch which they have cultivated with the most success, and the best portraits of Sir Joshua Reynolds take a high rank, even when compared with the performances of other schools. Next to this are the painters of what the French call pièces de genre, scenes of every-day life and still life, and especially their animal painters. Their land-scapes are far lower in the scale, in such a comparison. But they are weakest of all in history painting, where inventive and creative fancy is the most called for. Having thus viewed the intellectual region of the art, let us briefly consider their progress in the scientific parts. Their drawing is, on the whole, in-different; the forms often suffer from incorrectness,

and still more by want of precision; on the other hand, most English painters have great brilliancy, fullness, and depth of colour, which makes much show, and charms the eye; often, it is true, at the expense of fidelity to nature, and of delicately balanced has mony. For the mode of execution, it is a misfortune for the English school, that it at once began where other schools nearly leave off. From the most sen, pulous execution of the details, which seeks to bring every object as near as possible to the reality, even for close inspection, the older schools but very gradually acquired the conviction that the same effect might be produced, at a moderate distance, with fewer strokes of the pencil, and thus attained a broader handling. But the English school began at once with a very great freedom and breadth of handling where, in the works of Hogarth and Reynolds, in every touch is seen in nature, and expresses something positive; but in most of the later paint, ers, degenerated into a flimsiness and negligence, so that but a very superficial and general image is given of every object, and many pictures have the glaring effect of scene-painting, while others are lost in misty indistinctness. As no good technical rules had been handed down to them by tradition, the English painters endeavoured to establish some for themselves, but with such ill success, that many pictures have very much changed, many are so faded that they have quite the appearance of corpses, others have turned black; the colour has broad cracks in it, nay, in some cases, it has become fluid, and then, from the excessively thick impasto, has run down in sngle

Dr. Waagen further observes, that after the disparaging criticism of Walpole, he was a good deal surprised at the "eminent merit" of the Marriage, à-la-Mode, as paintings:—

"All the most delicate shades of Hogarth's humour are here marked in his heads with consummate skill and freedom, and every other part executed with the same decision, and for the most part with ease. Though the colouring on the whole, and the pictures, as they are almost wholly painted in dead colours, with hardly any glazing, have more the look of distemper than of oil paintings, the colouring of the flesh is often powerful; and the others, very broken, are disposed with so much refined feeling for harmonious effect, that in colouring, they stand in a far higher rank than numerous productions of the most modern English school, with all their glaring inharmonious colours. Only the fifth picture, the Death of the Husband, has lost its chiaro-scuro by turning dark."

Of Sir Joshua's 'Holy Family,' in the National Gallery, he thought lightly, and came at once to a conclusion which, right or wrong, was formed on insufficient evidence:—

"It proves," he says, "that Sir Joshua was not qualified to be an historical painter. The characters and expressions are poor and unmeaning, the forms not rounded, the execution slight, the colouring warm indeed, but false, and besides, in places are faded and washed out."

Still less did he admire West:—

"Partly at his instigation, the infant plant of the English school of painting was shut up in the hotouse of an academy; and his works in this gallery prove that he was the real model of the president of such an institution, who by his example and teaching, clipt betimes with his academical shears, according to prescribed rules, the wild luxuriant growth of the young plants. The truth of the words, 'The letter kills, the spirit gives life,' is rendered manifest to the eye by these pictures. Though all the academic rules upon composition, drawing, beauty, drapery, are observed, and partly with great skill, yet we feel that the aggregate of all these qualities, proceeding from cold reflection, produces only the caput mortuum of a work of art; the real soul of which the feeling of the artist, inspired by the subject, nourished by the contemplation of nature, by which all those qualities must be animated, that the whole may warm and cheer the mind of the spectator."

Nor is his notice of Wilson and Gainsborough ery flattering:—

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"I am happy at being able to conclude my obser-rations on the pictures of the English school in this gallery as worthily as I commenced them with Hogarth; for Wilkie is in his department not only the first painter of our times, but, together with Hogarth, the most spirited and original master of the whole English school. In the most essential particulars, Wilkie has the same style of art as Hogarth. With him, he has great variety, refinement, and acuteness in the observation of what is characteristic in nature; and in many of his pictures the subject is strikingly dramatic. Yet in many respects he is different from him. He does not, like Hogarth, exhibit to us moral him. He does not, like Hogarth, exhibit to us moral dramas in whole series of pictures, but contents him-self with representing, more in the manner of a novel, one single striking scene. His turn of minis is besides very different. If I might compare Ho-garth with Swift, in his biting satire, with which he contemplates mankind only on the dark side, and takes special delight in representing them in a state of the most profound corruption, of the most frightful misery, I find in Wilkie a close affinity with his celebrated countryman Sir Walter Scott. Both have in common that genuine, refined delineation of character which extends to the minutest particulars. In the soul of both there is more love than contempt of man; both afford us the most soothing views of the quiet, genial happiness which is sometimes found in the narrow circle of domestic life, and understand how, with masterly skill, by the mixture of delicate taits of good-natured humour, to heighten the charm of such scenes; and if, as poets should be able to do both in language and colours, they show us man in soon in language and colours, they snow us man in his manifold weaknesses, errors, afflictions, and dis-tresses, yet their humour is of such a kind that it never revolts our feelings. Wilkie is especially to be commended, that in such seenes as the Distress for Rent, he never falls into caricature, as has often happened to Hogarth, but with all the energy of expression remains within the bounds of truth. It is affirmed that the deeply impressive and touching character of this picture caused an extraordinary sensation in England when it first appeared. Here we first learn duly to prize another feature of his pictures, namely, their genuine national character. They are in all their parts the most spirited, animated, and faithful representations of the peculiarities and modes of life of the English. In many other respects, Wilkie reminds me of the great Dutch painters of common life of the seventeenth century, and likewise in the choice of many subjects for instance, the Blind Man's Buff, but particularly by the careful and complete making-out of the details, in which he is one of the rare exceptions among his countrymen. If he does not go so far in this respect as Douw and Franz Mieris, he is nearly on an equality with the more carefully-executed paintings of Teniers and Jan Steen. His touch, too, often approaches the former in spirit and freedom especially in his earlier pictures."

We have, subsequently, a notice of Barry's pictures; and an account of a visit to the Exhibition—of which he observes:—

"The total impression is by no means satisfactory; the great mass of the pictures, compared with those of the older English painters, manifest progressive decline and licence. Individual feeling, drawing, truth of colouring, careful execution, are here sought in vain. The whole object is to produce a striking but unmeaning effect, by the harshest contrasts and the most glaring colours. On a closer inspection however, we find a moderate number of pictures which are honourable exceptions. Of the higher class of historical painting there is nothing here. Among the pictures however which approach that department, some are distinguished much to their advantage. Among these is Wilkie's Columbus, who explains upon a chart to a monk in the Spanish

convent of Santa Maria de Rabida his plan of discovery. This is not a happy subject for painting, which is not able to represent the demonstration itself, in which the interest properly lies. In the execution, the decisive influence appears which the pictures of the great Spanish masters, Velasquez and Murillo, had upon Wilkie during his residence in Spain. By the deep masses of chiaro-scuro, the full colours of the dark red and purple draperies, contrasted with the bright lights, the effect of the picture, painted with great breadth and mastery, is very striking. The heads about two-thirds the size of life, are indeed dignified and animated, but have not the refinement and decided character of his earlier pictures. In the next place, I mention Pilgrims, by Eastlake, who, in the year of the Jubilee, on the first view of Rome from an eminence, give vent to expressions of enthusiastic devotion. A true and refined feeling, an endeavour at beauty and flowing lines, a tempered harmony of colouring, make this picture very attractive, though it were to be wished that it had more rounding in some parts. In some pictures by Etty, for instance, Venus with her companions, Phedria and Cymocles, from Spenser's Fairy Queen, fancy, gracefulness, and technical skill, are very discernible. But he too uniformly repeats the Greek profile in the heads, many attitudes are exaggerated, and the crude colours of the dranery disturb the harmony.

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"On the other hand, the pictures of domestic life are very numerous. The American painter, Leslie, is a particular favourite in this branch; yet, his reputation does not seem to me to be justified by his two pictures in this exhibition, representing the well-known story of the egg of Columbus, and the carrying off of Gulliver by the queen of Brobdignag, for to affectation in the design, are added, flesh sometimes brick-red, sometimes pink, the approximation of the most flaring colours contrasted with each other, and a very loose treatment. The second subject, besides, is by no means adapted to painting, for Gulliver, on the table, looks like a little doll, and the Brobdignagians like ordinary men. I was proportionally delighted with the pictures of Edwin Landseer, who designs men and animals with a refined physiognomical feeling in the most spirited manner, and paints them in a solid impasto, in all their parts, in true and clear colouring, with a light and flowing pencil. * •

sive in this exhibition; of which there are many whole and half lengths. The predominance of this branch, is a proof that the real value of the art is not properly understood; for not love of art, but merely love of self or of near relations, is the cause which generally calls portraits into existence. **

"The department of landscape is pretty numerously filled. A composition, with figures, of the Lago di Garda, by the admirable Callcott, especially pleased me, by the tender coolness and fine harmony; country people reposing at noon, decided light and shade, and a powerful effect. His correct drawing, and his refined taste, give him a great advantage over most of his countrymen. I made a point of looking for the landscape of the favourite painter, who is known throughout Europe, by his numerous, often very clever compositions for Annuals, and other books, where they appear in beautiful steel engravings. But I could scarcely trust my eyes, when, in a view of Ehrenbreitstein, and another of the burning of the two Houses of Parliament, I found such a looseness of treatment, such a total want of truth, as I had never before met with. He has here succeeded in combining a crude, painted medley, with a general foggy appearance. Many Englishmen are very sensible of this total running wild of a great talent; but many admire such pictures as remarkably bold and spirited.

"The landscapes and sea coasts of C. Stanfield, on the contrary, are very pleasing. His compositions are very picturesque,—the light and shade decided,—the colouring of great fulness and freshness, the air remarkably clear, the water liquid, and its motion well understood. * *

"The pictures in water-colours are a very important branch of English painting. I had before no idea of the depth, force, richness, and clearness of colour, which is here attained in this mode of painting, and there is in these pictures such a peculiar

charm, that I find the high favour which they enjoy extremely natural."

We must omit some brief notices of other artists, and come to criticism more general and more important:—

"The poorest part of the exhibition, both for the number and merit of the works, is the sculpture. I take this opportunity to communicate to you some observations on the present state of this art in England. In my opinion it is, on the whole, much lower than painting. The causes are to be looked for, partly in the public, partly in the artists themselves. It requires a much more refined and elevated taste to enjoy a work of sculpture than of painting, and hence we find a taste for painting much more diffused also among the other civilized nations of Europe. In most of them, too, the want of opulence contributes to render the execution of important works of sculpture now rare, as they are always very expensive. In England, where the great mass of extraordinary wealth would very well admit of it, the execution is impeded by another cause. Sculpture, whose business is with the form, can attain a high degree of perfection only where frequent opportunities are granted it, of representing the forms of the human body in unveiled beauty, as they came from the creative hand of divine nature. But the majority of the English, from a mistaken prudery, are decidedly averse from every representation of the naked figure, by which the sphere in which the artist moves is very greatly narrowed. I must call that feeling mistaken, because the pure and noble spirit in which the genuine artist views natural forms, and employs them for the higher objects of art, for the representation of that beauty which proclaims its origin from the hand of the Deity, for the expression of intellectual relations, wholly excludes all reference to the difference of sex, and does not suffer them to occur to unpre-judiced spectators, who are truly impressed with the real purport of a work of art. It is this hallowing ot the naked form which properly constitutes the sub-lime innocence of art. Göthe expresses himself to the same effect in his admirable Essay, ' Der Sammler, und die Scinigen.' Under these circumstances, we must not wonder that perhaps nine-tenths of the sculpture executed in England consist of busts and portrait statues. But it is certainly the fault of the artists themselves that even these, to say nothing or the works of freer art, do not, for the most part, answer the higher demands of a cultivated taste for the arts. The want of feeling for beauty of form and leading lines with which I have already charged the English painters, has here a much more prejudicial effect, because these are the qualities on which the sculptor chiefly depends, whereas painting has besides a great and advantageous resource in colour. It is equally fatal in its consequences, that the relation between sculpture and its prototype nature is seldom rightly understood. Some sculptors are fettered by considering these subjects too much in the light of portraits, like scenes of familiar life, so that they imitate all the fortuitous details of the dress; another aims at an empty and false ideal, and degenerates into an indefinite, swollen softness. Let us now examine some of the most eminent sculptors a little

"The most celebrated and the most admired is at present F. L. Chantrey. He is really a man of very eminent talents in the natural style, so that all those who require nothing more of sculpture than that it shall represent every object precisely as it appears in nature, must often be highly gratified by his works. But he who makes higher pretensions, and requires that, in the imitation of nature, sculpture shall make modification dependent on the nature of the material on which the sculptor works—for instance, the marble or the bronze—might certainly find himself disappointed; for the sculptor should endeavour, as much as possible, to make us forget in his work the marble or the bronze as a rude mass. This he attains chiefly by a flat treatment;—great prominences, such as many things (for instance, locks of hair, folds in the draperies composed of thick materials,) occasion in real life, he is to avoid, because appearing in the stone as thick swellings, they remind us too much of the material, and produce a heavy effect, very different from that of their prototypes in reality. Where elevations are necessary, he finds means to moderate

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the impression as a mass, by dividing them into several parts, by more or less marked depressions, and thereby breaking them. All actual depressions, on the contrary, he marks with great sharpness and precision. To these principles the antique sculptures owe a great part of their agreeable effect. The works of Chantrey, therefore, please the experienced eye in proportion as the neglect or the observance of those principles is less apparent. This neglect is least of all perceptible in the busts, which by their likeness, animation, and careful, often well-felt execution, are very pleasing. It is more striking in his portrait-statues, which, from the ponderous masses of drapery, deficient in good intention, have a heavy, awkward inorganic appearance. But it is most offensive of all in free ideal compositions, in which the poverty of invention, the uniformity of the countenances, the want of grace, and of a more profound knowledge of the forms, the observance of all accessaries, which are more admissible in the portraits, render the impression still more disagrecable. Of the great number of large and small pieces which I saw in Chantrey's attelier, I was most pleased with those in which, more than in others, a faithful imitation of nature is sufficient, such as sleeping women and children. I was least of all satisfied with a colossal equestrian statue. Chantrey is not equal to such great proportions: the horse especially appeared to me very defective. The multitude of important works which this artist executes in this erroneous style, combined with the attraction of the talent which they evince, must naturally have an unfavourable influence on

the taste in sculpture in this country.
"Next to Chantrey, Richard Westmacott is the most eminent sculptor in England. He is a great admirer and thorough judge of the antique. eternal models of sculpture, the principal parts of the Elgin marbles, are arranged with much taste in his attelier. In his own works un aim at the antique manner is manifest, but not always crowned with success. I here saw the celebrated vase of one block of Carrara marble, on one side of which the victory of the Duke of Wellington over Napoleon, at th battle of Waterloo, is represented in relief, in an action of cavalry; and on the other King George of England receiving the treaty of peace. These compositions are too general, too like academy studies, to excite my admiration.

"E. H. Baily, a much less known and admired sculptor than the two preceding, is, however, distinguished above them in his later works, by a more correct feeling for arrangement and graceful outline, He executed the sculptures, which are destined to be the architectonic ornaments of the new National Gallery. The Britannia between the well-executed Lion and Unicorn of the English Arms, as well as two other allegorical figures, have, in the attitudes, the repose and rectilinear tendency which is suitable for such works. The disposition of the figures, for one pediment, is likewise very intelligible and opportune in corresponding masses. The other, on the contrary, is, unfortunately, confused by being too crowded, and offends the eye by a too decided ten-dency of the figures towards one side. The monument of a physician, Hygeia, by the urn, feeding the serpent, notwithstanding the triteness of this thought, pleased me very much by the gracefulness, the calmmess of the attitude, and the good drapery. Other monuments, for instance, of sleeping women with children, manifest a lively sensibility for beautiful forms and a deep feeling for the pathetic. Lastly, several busts—for instance, that of Lord Brougham—are distinguished by spirited conception, and by a treatment conformable to the above-mentioned laws of sculpture. I found more feeling for graceful effect and aim at architectonic disposition than in most English sculptures, in six allegoric figures, less finished indeed, by George Rennie, which adorn coignes in a part of the Bank, lately erected by the able and amiable architect Richard Cockerell. The statue of a boy in marble, in the attelier of Rennie, is very highly finished in that agreeable thinness which is so much admired in the celebrated statue of the Boy drawing the Thorn from his Foot in the Capitol; only the treatment of the hair is too prominent.

We shall, no doubt, find another opportunity of returning to this work.

Memoirs of Joseph Grimaldi.

THE biography of "the Prince of Clowns," as the ornamental and useful paragraph-advertisements have already termed the inimitable pantomimist, is now before the public, as well as ourselves, in two smart volumes, well printed, admirably illustrated, and in boarding of the colour which used to blaze in distinctly shaped masses, on the cheeks of His Royal Highness Prince Joseph himself, or encircle his wonderful mouth for miles round. We will now hastily run over the last half of the second volume, which brings the life of Grimaldi to a close.

In 1817, after an uninterrupted connexion with Sadler's Wells, for the long period of thirty-five years, Grimaldi was shabbied from his old familiar boards by Mr. Charles Dibdin. Unpopular players, or rather actors, who are supposed to be waning in attraction, are often disgusted out of unexpired engagements; but performers who draw find the lessee a most affectionate creature, bask in the smile of the stage manager, experience no look of reproach in the Saturday-face of that "recording angel, the treasurer, and are bowed to with deferential respect by the prompter and call-boy. A person connected with the interior of a theatre professionally, can tell whether he rises in the estimation of the proprietor or "sinks in his repute" by the demeanour of every actor and actress of the first green-room, every ditto and ditto of the second green-room, every Jack and Jill of the ballet or chorus, every green-coat man, sceneshifter and supernumerary. The feeling of the each creature under him, and may be plainly detected in the porter at the stage door and the messenger that awaits his directions. A well puffed but profitless Macbeth is soon called for Macduff or Banquo; and "will he not stir at this," he is lowered down into Rosse, or the gentleman that has to announce the quarter-day sort of process at Birnam in which "the wood begins to move." Mr. C. Dibdin proposed cutting off one of Grimaldi's two benefits; which being resisted, Paulo was engaged for the season, in the room of the favourite, and Joe in a short time betook himself to the provinces, where he made money enough to fill even his awfully capacious stage pockets.

Great geniuses are naturally attracted to each other. At this time the finest performer in humorous pantomime became acquainted with the most finished artist in the serious pantomime -L'Allegro and Il Penseroso became two for a pair. Joseph Grimaldi and Lord Byron often

met at this period as friends :-

"At this time he repeatedly met with Lord Byron, not only at Covent Garden, but at various private parties to which he was invited; and eventually they became very good friends. Lord Byron was, as all the world knows, an eccentric man, and he loses nothing of the character in Grimaldi's hands.

"Sometimes, he says, his lordship appeared lost in deep melancholy, and when that was the case, really looked the picture of despair, for his face was highly capable of expressing profound grief; at other times he was very lively, chatting with great spirit and vivacity; and then occasionally he would be a complete fop, exhibiting his white hands and teeth with an almost ludicrous degree of affectation. whether 'grave or gay, lively or severe,' his bitter,

biting sarcasm never was omitted or forgotten.

"It never fell to Grimaldi's lot to hear any person say such severe things as Byron accustomed himself to utter, and they tended not a little to increase the awe with which, upon their first interview, he had been predisposed to regard him. As to Grimaldi himself, Byron invariably acted towards him with much condescension and good humour, frequently conversing with him for hours together; and when the business of the evening called him away, he would wait at the 'wings' for him, and as soon as he came

off the stage, recommence the conversation where a him, fearing to draw down upon himself the sarcam which he constantly heard fulminated against other; and when they spoke on subjects with Byron's opini, ons upon which he was unacquainted, he cautious endeavoured to ascertain them before he ventured to give his own, fearing, as he felt so very warmly upon most questions, that he might chance to dissent

from him upon one in which he took great interest.

"Before Lord Byron left England upon the expedition whence he was destined to return no man he presented Grimaldi, as a token, he said, of hi regard, with a valuable silver sunfi-box, around which was the inscription, 'The gift of Lord Byron to Joseph Grimaldi.' It was of course preserved with the most scrupulous care, and valued more highly than any article in his possession. It is but an act of justice to both parties to say, that Lord Byron always treated him with the greatest liberality. In 1808, when he saw him act for the first time, he sent a message to his residence, requesting that he would always forward to him one box-ticket whenever he took a benefit. This he regularly did, and in return invariably received on the following day a five-pound

In the provinces, Grimaldi was, as we have stated, extremely successful. At Berwick, he received a 501. note in a letter from an unknown friend. At Liverpool, he played Acres, in 'The Rivals,' for his benefit, and had a bumper. We well remember him attempting the part at Covent Garden on a similar occasion, and certainly a most grotesque performance it was, from the beginning to the end. In the famous duel scene, in which Sir Lucius instructs Acres how to receive the gentleman's fire, the whole soul of the clown came over Grimaldi, when Jack Johnstone, after placing him "with a full front," and retreating a certain number of paces, to prove its effectiveness, on turning round, and levelling his pistol, found Joe and packets the level. absentee-the latter having quietly marched closely behind the back of his friend, and turned round with him. There is a dull story told of Joe making a Preston barber, his daughter, and a country manager, die of laughing by sheer face-making. Attached to the stage, the countenance of Grimuldi was the finest locomotive engine to draw in the world; but it was impossible to get the steam up sufficiently, in private society, to produce any decided or astounding effects. At Newcastle, it appears, he determines to indulge in pickled salmon for supper; but the waiter does not understand the nature of the article! and brings, on three successive nights, steaks and chops with variations, in hopes of hitting the right dish. On the last night—
"Grimaldi turned to the supper-table: there was

a dish, with a cover; the waiter removed it with a flourish, and presented to his astonished eyes—not the long-expected pickled salmon, but a veal-cutlet. These repeated disappointments were rather too much, so he pulled the bell with great vehemence, and called for the landlord. The landlord came, and Grimaldi having stated his grievance, he appeared to understand as little about the matter as his waiter. but at length, after many explanations, Grimaldi learned, to his great surprise, that pickled salmon was an article unknown in Newcastle, all Newcastle pickled salmon being sent to London for sale.'

Between the years 1818 and 1823, Grimaldi's constitution broke down, and he was prevailed upon to visit Cheltenham, in search blessing, health, which so many yellow old gentlemen from Bombay seek at that place in vain. The following is a fearful exhibition of suffering "behind the scenes," in one of his last performances at Covent Garden theatre:-

"In this piece, which came out on the 22nd of March 1823, Grimaldi played a prominent character; but even during the earlier nights of its very successful representation, he could scarcely struggle through his part. His frame was weak and debilitated, his joints stiff, and his muscles relaxed; every effort he

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male was followed by cramps and spasms of the most agonizing nature. Men were obliged to be kept witing at the side-scenes, who caught him in their sms when he staggered from the stage, and supported him, while others chafed his limbs,—which was obliged to be incessantly done until he was called for the next scene, or he could not have appeared again. Every time he came off, his sinews were gathered up into huge knots, by the cramps that foltowed his exertions, which could only be reduced by violent rubbing, and even that frequently failed to produce the desired effect. The spectators, who were cavalled with laughter while he was on the stage, little thought that while their appluase was resounding through the house, he was suffering the most excuenting and horrible pains. But so it was until the twenty-fourth night of the piece, when he had no alternative, in consequence of his intense sufferings, but to throw up the part."

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The son, whose habits of life were latterly those of low dissipation and desperate violence, figures in this work as he figured in the world—only to sadden and disgust. There is, however, an excuse for his conduct brought forward in this publication, which is an all-sufficing one. It appears, that he received a dreadful blow on the head some years before his death, which disordered his intellects, and he was ever after subject to epileptic fits, and, at times, decidedly insane. Grimaldi twice took leave of the stage. On the last occasion—the 27th of June, 1828,—in a state of severe pain and decrepitude,—he dressed himself as Clown, and acted a song from a chair! At the termination of the Pantonime

following address, written expressly for him by Mr. Hood. There is a little too much point for such a painful moment,—but there are, at the same time, some truly affecting touches, in this farewell.

he appeared in his private dress, and spoke the

"Ladies and Gentlemen,—In putting off the down's garment, allow me to drop also the clown's actumity, and address you in a few parting sentences. I entered early on this course of life, and lave it prematurely. Eight-and-forty years only have passed over my head—but I am going as fist down the hill of life as that older Joe.—John Anderson. Like vaulting ambition, I have overleaped myself, and pay the penalty in an advanced old age. If I have now any aptitude for tumbling, it is through bodily infirmity, for I am worse on my feet than I used to be on my head. It is four years since I jumped my last jump.—filehed my last oyster—bolled my last sausage—and set in for retirement. Not quite so well provided for, I must acknowledge, as in the days of my clownship, for then, I dare say, some of you remember, I used to have a fowl in one pocket, and sauce for it in the other.

"To-night has seen me assume the motley for a

"To-night has seen me assume the moticy for a short time—it clung to my skin as I took it off, and the old cap and bells rang mournfully as I quitted them for ever.

"With the same respectful feelings as ever, do I fad myself in your presence—in the presence of mystandience—this kindly assemblage so happily contadicting the adage that a favourite has no friends. For the benevolence that brought you hither, accept, ladies and gentlemen, my warmest and most grateful thanks, and believe, that of one and all, Joseph Grimaldi takes a double leave, with a farewell on his lips, and a tear in his eyes.

Farewell! that you and yours may ever enjoy that greatest earthly good—health, is the sincere wish of your faithful and obliged servant. God bless you all!"

With the following description of the death of

this matchless actor, we quit the memoir:—
"Grimaldi died on the 31st of May, 1837, having survived the completion of the last chapter of his biography just five months, during which his health had considerably improved, although his bodily energies and physical powers had remained in the same state of hopeless prostration. Having gradually recovered the effects of the severe mental shocks which had crowded upon him in his decline, he had regained his habitual serenity and cheerfulness, and sppeared likely to live, and even to enjoy life—in-

compatible with all enjoyment as his condition would seem to have been—for many years. He had no other wish than to be happy in the society of his old friends; and uttered no other complaint than that, in their absence, he sometimes found his solitude heavy and irksome. He looked forward to the publication of his manuscript with an anxiety which it is impossible to describe, and imagined that the day on which he exhibited it in a complete form to his friends, would be the proudest of his life.

"He was destined never to experience this harmless gratification; the sudden dissolution which deprived him of it, mercifully released him from all the pains and sufferings which could not fail to have been, sooner or later, the attendants upon that state of death in life to which he had been untimely reduced.

"It had been Grimaldi's habit for some time previous to his death, to spend a portion of each evening at a tavern hard by, where the society of a few respectable persons, resident in the neighbourhood, in some measure compensated him for the many long hours he spent by his lonely fireside. Utterly bereft of the use of his limbs, he used to be carried backwards and forwards (he had only a few does to each on the shoulders of a man.

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"On the night of his death, he was carried home in the usual manner, and cheerfully bidding his companion good night, observed that he should be ready for him on the morrow at the customary time. He had not long been in bed when his housekeeper, faneying she heard a noise in his room, hurried down, but all was quiet: she went in again, later in the night, and found him dead. The body was cold, for

he had been dead some hours,"

Mr. Dickens has prefaced his work with an introductory chapter, which gives a Pickwick-description of a boy's relish of a pantomime, and not unpleasantly marshals us. "the way that we are going." The Pickwick stylet is, however, very prominent in the whole memoir; and by its endeavour at point, minuteness of detail, and peculiarities of dialogue, casts an air of invention about several of the facts, anecdotes, and incidents. We should have preferred to have Grimaldi's own language undecorated, in this production; and not be led aside by intruding recollections of Mr. Weller or Winkle. There is a want, too, of the passion of the biographer for his subject, throughout the two volumes. There is no living sketch from the actual memory of the writer,—no vivid touch that brings the Clown before you at a bound;—no record of his fat voice and fat laugh. We should almost venture the belief that Mr. Dickens had never seen Grimaldi on the stage, so little does he possess of that great and utter Clown-love, which maddens those who have laughed with and at Joe. The work is, however, written in an amiable spirit, and shows a true-hearted, excellent man, and great actor, in many pleasing lights. The sketches by George Cruikshank are capital; full of character, spirit, and fun. He must have seen Joe.

The Malacological and Conchological Magazine.
Conducted by G. B. Sowerby, F. L.S. Part I.
London. For Private Gratuitous Distribution
only.

As this pamphlet is not printed for sale, we should not have noticed it, if we had not, on looking through the four articles which it contains, observed that the conductor (who is the writer of all the articles,) claims for it a high place, and has described a few new species, which he, doubtless, expects to be cited.

The first paper is on Metania inquinata, which

The first paper is on Melania inquinata, which Mr. Sowerby regards as different from the recent Phillipine species which M. Deshayes has con-

sidered as analogous to it. In this paper he complains of those persons who have expressed their regret at the spirit in which several of Mr. Sowerby's late papers have been written, especially those on the genus Cypræcassis, which were more calculated to put down a young and industrious conchologist, than to assist him in the search after truth, and which were quite as faulty in matter as in manner. Mr. Sowerby now states his determination to proceed in the same course; and we think in this number he has fulfilled his intention, for there is scarcely a writer on conchology, or in any way con-nected with his subject, who has escaped his lash. For example,—M. de France, we are told, described so badly, that "his descriptions will apply with equal correctness to several things perfectly distinct," (p. 11). His brother, J. D. C. Sowerby, refers the shell to Potamides, which is "not compatible with fact, for the shell is a true Melania," (p. 12). M. Deshayes is blamed and misunderstood, because his printer has, by mistake, printed audessous for audessus, (p. 4). And we are told that "these figures of Deshayes are such, that I think it would scarcely be possible to identify the fossil by them alone, (p. 14). Even Lamarck cannot escape: Deshayes thinks that the Phillipine shell may be a variety, on which Mr. Sowerby says, "this is too much in accordance with Lamarck's absurd dictum," (p. 16).

The second paper is the 'Rectification of some mistakes relative to the genera Crania (of) Retzius, and Orbicula of Lamarck;" in which, after stating that the author is aware that he may have committed some mistakes, which he is "determined" to correct, he says-" I may consider it rather a fortunate circumstance for me, that most of these errors are of such a nature, that there exist very few persons who are able to detect them," (p. 20): and after showing what he considers his error, he says it was caused what he considers his error, he says it was caused by his "having adopted Lamarck's incorrect notion," (p. 21). Mr. Sowerby then turns on Turton, who, he observes, "has inadvertently united the true Crania and Orbicula together, giving them the name of Discina." This mistake however, we are told, is of little importance, because Turton "never can be regarded as authority upon this subject," (p. 22); and Mr. Sowerby continues,—"I now come to Fleming,"—" who thus makes his appearance ex calheda, to set us all right." And after finding great fault with this praiseworthy naturalist, for having printed arculated for arcuated; though Mr. Sowerby, it is true, denies that it is a mere misprint, he proceeds:- "I wish Fleming had condescended to favour us with the signification of several other words, which we frequently meet with in the words, which we frequently meet with it has same work, and which, being quite new to us, we cannot perfectly understand: such things are, however, of trifling importance, when compared with the interminable mistakes and absurdities which disgrace the 'History of British Animals' by Dr. Fleming," (p. 23). We could go on much further after this fashion, but are of opinion that we have shown enough of the bad taste of the conductor; and we shall proceed now, though perhaps Mr. Sowerby may put us down with those whose "profound ignorance" is only equalled by their arrogance, to call Mr. Sowerby's attention to what we consider as his own errors, though we may not belong to the "very few persons who can detect them." We shall take leave then to inform him, that "the small cavities" which "replace" the tubercles of Melania inquinata are no proof that the shells were "inhabitants of the fresh or brackish water," (p. 12), &c., for they are only the shelly plate which the animal forms, to fill up the base of the tubular spire when it enlarges its shell; and that such "small cavities" are to be found in marine as well as freshwater shells, and may be

[†] In Vol. I. Chap. Xii., there is a description of a distress being put into the house in which Grinaldi beiged, and his goods were scized. We will venture to say that the following is from the pen of 'Box,' and not from that of "the Prince of Glowas."—"What, on earth, is the meaning of this ?" he inquired. "Only an execution for rent," replied the broker, continuing his instructions to his Amanuensis; "Mirror in gilt frame, Villiam."

seen in most specimens of ear shells, or Haliotides. &c. Again, if Mr. Sowerby had placed that confidence in the correctness of Lamarck which that author deserves, he would have seen,-as was proved by Mr. Gray in his paper on the synonyma of the genus Anomia, printed in the 'Annals of Philosophy' for 1825,—that Discina is not the synonyma of Orbicula, but a distinct genus; while Orbicula and Criopus are only synonyma of Crania, as said by Dr. Turton and Dr. Fleming! Thirdly, if he had consulted De Ferussac, he might have found, that instead of there being "only two species of Pneumonobranchus Mollusca that are viviparous, that the essential character of the genus Partula is, that they are all viviparous; or Mr. Walker, to whom he was indebted for the knowledge of the Achatina being viviparous, could have told him that several of the Caracolla of Lamarck are also viviparous. Fourthly, if he had consulted the Rev. Mr. Guilding's paper in the Zoological Journal, published by Mr. Sowerby, he would have found that Mr. Guilding had formed a genus for the Ampullaria with an horny operculum, (p. 28); as had also Mr. Gray in the 'Annals of Philosophy.' Lastly, he should have known the Nerita Littoreus is the type of Littorina, and that this genus has been established since Lamarck's time, and that therefore Lamarck was not to blame for having referred the shell to Turbo, as it was more related to that genus, as then characterized, than to the Nerites, from which Lamarck moved it.

Hood's Own. No. II. Baily & Co. This second number is even better than the first: all the papers are good,—many first-rate. It includes the inimitable Parish Revolution— The Schoolmaster Abroad-The Furlough-The Drowning Ducks—The Ascent of Mount Blank
—John Jones's Kit-cat-astrophe—The Fall—
The Steam Service—A Lay of Real Life, and a dozen others, with two-and-thirty of Mr. Hood's most strange and humorous illustrations. As, however, we are this time a little in arrear of the public,—the number having been published some days,—and as it is not likely that those who love fun, and pun, and pleasantry, with an oc-casional hearty laugh, will have reserved their shilling until they received our report, we must be brief: we hope not personal, though we shall commence our extracts with-

A Valentine.

THE WEATHER. TO P. MURPHY, Esq. M.N.S. "These, properly speaking, being esteemed the three arms of Meteoric action."

Dear Murphy, to improve her charms, Your servant humbly begs; She thanks you for her leash of arms, But wants a brace of legs.

Moreover, as you promise folks, On certain days a drizzle; She thinks, in case she cannot rain, She should have means to mizzle

Some lightning too may just fall due, When woods begin to moult; And if she cannot "fork it out," She'll wish to make a bolt!

"But what means this? Marry, miching mallicho; it means mischief."



SHORT OF BAIT .- GIVE ME A WORM.

Epigrams.

COMPOSED ON READING A DIARY LATELY PUBLISHED.

That flesh is grass is now as clear as day, To any but the merest purblind pup,
Death cuts it down, and then to make her hay,
My Lady B—— comes and rakes it up.

THE LAST WISH.

When I resign this world so briary, To have across the Styx my ferrying, O may I die without a DIABY! And be interr'd without a Bury-ing!

The Devil's Album It will seem an odd whim For a Spirit so grim the Devil to take a delight in; But by common renown He has come up to town, With an Album for people to write in!

On a handsomer book Mortal never did look, Of a flame-colour silk is the binding,

With a border superb, Where through flowret and herb, The old Serpent goes brilliantly winding! By gilded grotesques, And emboss'd arabesques

The whole cover, in fact, is pervaded; But, alas! in a taste That betrays they were traced At the will of a Spirit degraded!

As for paper—the best But extremely hot-pressed, urts the pen to luxuriate upon it, And against every blank There's a note on the Bank, As a bribe for a sketch or a sonnet.

Who will care to appear In the Fiend's Souvenir, Is a question to mortals most vit But the very first leaf, It's the public belief, Will be fill'd by a Lady of Title!

All these epigrammatic and enigmatic riddles we must leave to be solved by the reader.

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New Collection of Memoirs from the History of France, from the 18th to the end of the 18th Centary—[Nouvelle Collection, &c.], by Messieurs Michaul and Poujoulat. Royal 8vo.—We so lately (No. 505) took occasion to notice the honourable zeal with which the French are collecting and publishing their historical treasures, that we cannot spare room even for an enumeration of the valuable works which it is proposed to include in the interesting collection some livraisons of which are before us. serve, generally, that it will comprise the same writen (with additions) as the celebrated collection of Petitot, in one hundred and thirty-three volumes; indeed, although it is not intended to exceed, if possible, twenty-five volumes, it will contain more matter than Petitot's collection, and will be enriched with valuable notes and critical analyses. We heartily wish success to the projectors. It is a noble monument of French literary enterprise,—a monument which ought to shame us, and which would shame us, if we were not so engrossed by commercial toil and political intrigues, as to have no relish left for higher objects, and no leisure for self-humiliation.

Report of a Committee of the Statistical Society of London on the State of Education in Westminster.—A very full abstract of this Report appeared, in December last, (No. 531) in the Athenæum; still it was but an abstract, and those who are interested in the subject would do well to consult the Report itself. which is accompanied by many tabulated facts of

Second Annual Report of the Colonization Commissioners for South Australia. — South Australia; by Henry Watson. —All who have ever thought on the subject of emigration and its important consequences, not only to individuals, but to the country, must take an anxious interest in the experiment about to be tried in South Australia. It is not merely that a new colony is to be established there,—but that it is to be established, if at all, on new principles. It is not the removal of individuals, but of society, that is contemplated; society, with all its gradations of rank, wealth, and intelligence. Emigration is to be stripped of its old horrors_its backwood desolation, its solitude, and unaided struggle; and emigrants are to find, on their arrival, fit companionship, according to their previous habits and associations. Of course, the old and the new systems differ in their means as widely as in their expected results. The old left all to chance, and every man was at liberty to wander at his "own sweet will," and, in the intelligible language of the parties, to appropriate to his own use whatever lands he pleased, by "squatting" on them: thus a wilderness or a desert often intervened between the scattered settlements. Labourers, too, were not to be had, where the labourer, with all his prejudices in favour of proprietorship, had only to remove him-self far enough to become "an estated gentleman." It was this want of labourers that led to the importation of slaves, and subsequently, of convicts, into America; and convicts have been the great pioneers both in Australia and Van Diemen's Land, and yet there is such an outcry at this moment, in both these colonies, from the insufficient supply, that it is proposed to import labourers from India and China. In South Australia all this is to be remedied; there is to be no wandering out of and beyond the pale of civilization. The whole territory is vested in Commissioners, and the lands, according to the demand, are to be surveyed, and sold at a fixed price; and as all lands are to be sold at the same price, every purchaser will, it is presumed, choose to locate himself as near as possible to a centre, which must be his market and metropolis. The money thus realised by the sale of the land, is to be employed in carrying out fresh labourers, and thus the moral nuisance of slaves or convicts is to be avoided. It is observed in the Report before us, that in applying this principle, the difficulty was how to adjust the supply of labour to the demand, before the extent of the demand could be known. The Commissioners thought it would be safe, in the first instance, to err on the side of deficiency; an error which would admit of speedy rectification, while one of excess might prove irretrievable. The one, too, would tend to induce voluntary emigration, the other to check it. But letters received early in the past year, induced them to proceed with confidence to increase

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the supply; and, altogether, 25 vessels, conveying 2,220 settlers, had been despatched from this country; and by the latest accounts received, 16 vessels, with 936 settlers, had reached the colony. The Commisggs scatters, near reactive the colony. In Commis-tioners, of course, confine their report to facts; but some interesting letters, from the early emigrants, will be found in Mr. Watson's pamphlet, which is the substance of a lecture delivered before the memhers of the Mechanics' Institution, at Chichester. All the writers seem well satisfied with their adopted country; but, without meaning to question their integrity, we cannot but observe, that such letters should be listened to with extreme caution. The writers are all persons embarked in the speculation, whose interest it is to induce others to follow their example. We confess that some of the arguments urged by the Messrs. Hack, the capitalists of the party, appear to us to be two-edged. Thus, one observes, "We could dispose of all we possess at an observes, "We could dispose of all we possess at an enormous profit, even to our clothes, if we would part with them. " We cleared 25*l*. by a lot of butter we brought from Launceston. " Our bullocks and dray earned, last week, 18*l*.; it is quite a favour to hare them." Again, and a little later, he observes, "I find, on looking over my accounts, that the bullocks [seven] have actually earned 60% a-week for the last week or two, and they are likely to do so for this month to come." We were not surprised, after anch a tale of prosperity, to hear that there were "grumblers" in the colony—some "helpless, sinitless, ignorant" people—"silly cockneys," as they are called, to be found there; and probably among the purchasers of the butter, the bidders for the old clothes, the hirers of the oxen, who did not like asking for them as a favour, and paying 181. a-week for the use of them. We have heard of people besieged, among whom a rat would sell for a dollar, but never before heard the fact held forth as a temptation for others to join them; indeed, if there were

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speculation. But there can be no doubt that the academical honours, and as a test of his fitness for wants of the colonists, though urgent, were temporary; and we earnestly hope that, long ere this, Messrs. Hack's oxen may be had without favour, and for onehalf or one-third the price here mentioned. As, however, the letters were put forth by an agent of the Society, and, we presume, with the sanction of the Commissioners, we shall take leave to say that such statements are, in our opinion, extremely injudicious, and likely to create a mischievous prejudice

against the colony.

On Steam Communication with India, by Sir John Ross, C.B.-An ingenious advertisement, put forth by persons anxious to establish a steam-ship company. The proposed object is to raise out, well, 5,000 shares of 100% each, to build steam-ships with India Collier's patent steam-boilers, and to trade with India via the Cape. The advantages and disadvantages of this route were discussed long since in the Athenæum, and there is nothing new on the subject in the pamphlet before us. The whole question, indeed, is made to rest on the superiority of these patent boilers.

Arsenicated Candles not Poisonous, by a Member of the Westminster Medical Society.—The writer's argument appears to be this: arsenicated candles, though, under the circumstances, they did poison the birds, did not kill the guinea-pigs subjected to the same experiments, ergo, &c. Now if he merely intends to prove that exaggerated fears are enter-tained by the public, on this subject, we think, he may be right; but if, as appears to us, he means to push his argument further, and leave it to be inferred that no injurious consequences can arise from burning arsenicated candles, we must dissent-head-ache, nausea, a thousand minor annoyances may arise, and serious injury if systematically persevered in: and, therefore, unless he can give some good reason why people should burn arsenicated candles in preference to others, we presume they will decline doing so.

Inaugural Dissertation on the Presence of Air in the Organs of Circulation, by John Rose Cormack. This "prize thesis" being written by a candidate for | C. Tilt, Londo

them, is properly addressed to another tribunal than ours. The subject, however, is one of considerable curiosity, and some pathological interest; we think it right, therefore, to mention the existence of the work, for the benefit of "those whom it may concern" among our professional readers.

A Traveller's Rambling Reminiscences of the Spanish Mar: with a Refutation of the Charges of Cruelty brought against General Evans and the British Legion; and a Defence of British Policy. Dedicated to the Members of both Houses of Parliament, by the Rev. Thomas Farr .- We have transcribed this long title of a party pamphlet spun out into an octavo, to save ourselves the duty of elaborate criticism. It is needless further to point out which side in the Spanish contest is espoused by our author; and there is nothing either in his materials or his style to induce the general reader to enter once again the debateable

ground of Carlist and Christino warfare. Influence of Climate on Health, &c., by A. S. Thomson.—A prize thesis, containing a mass of important statistical information on a subject of much

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

In our salad days we were accustomed to look forward to the appearance of the Magazines with something of interest, and to report on their respective pretensions and merit, their promises and their per-formance. But this labour of love became at last a painful duty; it was always invidious, often ungenerous, to declare the truth; and now it is only on special occasions, or in reference to some particular paper, that we hazard an opinion. It may be allowed us, however, as veterans in periodical literature, to welcome the new candidates, and we take leave, therefore, to introduce to public notice, and to public favour if deserved, the Monthly Law Magazine and Political Review and the Monthly Chronicle, both, to a certain extent, to be considered as political journals, and representing opposite interests. Of their relative merits we shall not offer an opinion; they are works of pretension, and neither, it is manifest anticipates or will be content with a younger brother's portion. The leading article in the latter, 'On the Position and Prospects of the Government,' is generally attributed to Mr. Bulwer. It is a sound, sensible, and judicious paper; but that it is written by Mr. Bulwer seems hardly reconcileable with the specific disclaimer on the wrapper-that the literary contributors (Mr. Bulwer among others, being named) are not responsible for the political opinions of the

Among the literary announcements of the week the one which will spread the widest, and the work which will, in all probability, fare the best, is the proclamation "of the only true and lawful Boz," heralding the appearing of his new child "Nicholas Nickleby." This worthy's adventures, it is said, will be rich in the oddities to be gathered in the north of Eugland. It is not easy to compose one's thoughts to gravity after anticipating such an exhibition, but we must do so, to mention a prospectus issued by Count Krasinski, of 'An Essay on the History of the Reformation in Poland, which will contain much new and important information concerning Lutheranism in its days of dawning; and the re-action produced by the counter influence of Jesuitism, so long, as a system.

paramount in that harassed country.

Curiosity having been excited by a statement in the newspapers that the condition of the Royal Gardens has been the subject of an official inquiry, we have taken some pains to ascertain the truth of the report, and we find the facts to be as follows: A Committee has been appointed by the Lords of the Treasury to investigate certain matters connected with the Queen's Gardens at Windsor, Hampton Court, Kew, Kensington, and Buckingham Palace; and, under the direction of the Committee, Professor Lindley has been lately engaged in a minute horticultural inquiry into the administration of those establishments. In this duty Dr. Lindley has associated with himself two gardeners of great experience, namely, Mr. Paxton, gardener to the Duke of Devonshire, and Mr. Wilson, gardener to the Earl of Surrey. We have reason to believe that a report has already been made, but as it relates to matters connected with her Majesty's household, we do not feel at liberty to make public the result of the

The Report of the condition and prospects of University College, which was rendered by the Council, at the annual meeting on Wednesday last, was highly satisfactory. The proportionate increase of the number of students in the faculty of Arts, we regard more especially as matter for congratulation. The total number of students on the 17th of February last, was 597; 467 in the faculty of Medicine, and 141 in the faculty of Arts; (a few entered to both,) being an increase of thirty in Medicine, and forty in Arts, over the number at the corresponding period last year. In the Junior Department the number of pupils during the last session was 343, and the number now in the school, shows an increase of thirteen. The amount of college and school fees received up to the 17th of February was 11,2721.; being an increase of 5851. on the receipts at the same date last year. The gross amount of fees for the last session was 13,6414. The portion of the receipts on account of the year reserved for the purposes of the college, amounted to 4,7144, the expenditure to 3,5044, leaving a balance of 1,2104. At the hospital in connexion with the college, the number of pupils

during the session ending in October last, was 187; the incom ederived from these fees 4,0361,; being an increase of thirty-three in the number of students, and 5681, in the amount of fees on the preceding year. The donations and legacies to the college during the year amounted to 2.650l., and the endowment fund is now augmented to 10,700%. This fund is constituted of donations and legacies. Of these, the Council have determined to capital untouched, and to employ the interest only for especial purposes connected with the promotion of education. On this principle they have devoted the 5,000*l*. presented last year by Mrs. Flaherty, to the foundation of four Scholarships, each of 50*l*. a year, for four years. They are to be called the Flaherty Scholarships: and will be given in alternate years to the best proficient in Latin and Greek: and the best proficient in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; this year the scholarship will be given for the first time, and will be the prize of the best proficient in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

Among the curiosities recently added to the museum of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquities, at Copenhagen, there is one of a singular nature and great historical interest. It is the mummy of a female, found in a peat bog near Haraldskier, in Jutland, completely sunk in the soft ground, and fastened to a stake by means of clamps and hooks. The fragments of clothing that remain on the mummy enable the skilful antiquarians of the north to conclude with tolerable certainty that it belongs to the last period of paganism, and M. Petersen has endeavoured, in an able historical essay, to prove that the mummy is the body of Gunhilda, Queen of Norway, whom King Harald Blaatend enticed, by promise of marriage, to come to Denmark in 965, where he put her to death by sinking her in a bog.

The North American consul at Algiers has recently returned from a visit to the camp of Abd-el-Kader, and his excursion tends to confirm the opinion which is daily gaining ground, that the map country round Algiers, constructed by the French engineers in 1830, cannot be safely relied on beyond the immediate vicinity of the coast. The plain of Hamza, in which stands the Emir's camp, is situated, not to the south, but rather to the east of Algiers, about fifty hours from that town and fifteen from the sea. It is generally barren and bare of trees, but nevertheless populous, its possessors being the tribes of Woled Maadi, and Woled Arib. Two rivers flow through it, the Wed-el-Nura and the Wed-el-Akhil, which latter separates the provinces of Titteri and Constantine; they unite to form the Isser, which, after watering a fine country occupied by the richest tribes in this part of Africa, falls into the Gulf of Bangut. In the camp of Abd-el-Kader were twenty deserters from the French army, who had made with him the campaign against the tribes on the borders of the Sahra. The Emir marched from Tlemsen, near the borders of Morocco, southwards across the desert plains of Angad, and then turned eastwards through the Gobla (or rather Kebla), as the country on the northern border of the great desert is called. This tract is without wood, dry and unproductive, with an undulating surface and continual succession of low hills, but no high mountains. The accounts of the French deserters coincide with those of the Arabs, in denying the existence of the high chain of Atlas between Tlemsen and the great desert. It is to be hoped that the opportunities afforded by these Arab campaigns for acquiring geographical information, may not be wholly lost, and that some ample narratives of them may yet be published.

À paragraph creeping through the daily papers, has made us smile, as a happy quiz; it is the engagement rumoured to have been offered by the lessee of Drury Lane to the M.N.S. weather prophet, for the latter to deliver a series of lectures on "frost and fair" and the other changes of the season, during the Lent just entered upon. The parties (so runs the joke) could not agree on terms.

Donnizetti's 'Parisina',—concerning which, as an opera, many fine things have been reported among Haymarket-haunters, and published by that amateur critic, who gives forth his hopes, experiences, and recommendations in certain little green and gold pamphlets,—has recently been produced at the Salle

Ventadour in Paris, and may be therefore expected to form one of our principal novelties during the coming season. The music, though described giving much scope to Grisi's energetic acting, and Rubini's impassioned singing, and Tamburini's extent and spirited performance, is characterized as being even weaker than that of the 'Lucia di Lammermon. If this be so, we cannot but pity the coming estate of the frequenters of Her Majesty's theatre, for the 'Lucia' music appeared to us as a work by Donnizetti in the last state of dilution. It would be use less, we fear, to cry aloud for 'Guillaume Tell' instead of such trivialities. While on the chapter of singers, the name of Mdle. Placci may be mentioned: this young lady, who is now in London, has been described to us as possessing a mezzo soprano voice, of more than usual promise, natural gifts and acquired graces being also included.—M. Laporte has, at last, issued his prospectus for the coming season, and an attractive one it is. In the first place, Her Majesty's Theatre is to be newly decorated; and on the 17th, its doors are positively to open with 'La Sonnambula,' to introduce Madame Persiani, and Moriani, a new tenor. This latter engagement is one of some importance, for if it be true that Rubini retires to the otium cum dignitate of private life at the close of the season, we shall have_alas! the day_to seek for a substitute, Besides these new artists, a Mr. Boisragon, (his name Italianized into Borrani), is also to make his first appearance on the opening night. The new opens announced, are Donnizetti's 'Lucia' and 'Parisina', Persiani's 'Inex de Castro,' Mercadante's 'Giummento,' and a work by Balfe, composed expressly for the company. Among the earlier revivals, 'Gli Montecchi,' (Bellini), and Rossini's 'Mathilde de Shabran,' are mentioned; Mozart's 'Figaro,' too, is once again promised to us. The first ballet is to be a revival of 'Masaniello:' a new one is to be presented before Easter; and a grand spectacle, for the introduction of the Madlles. Elssler, who are to replace or assist Duvernay, as soon as they can be spared from the Rue Lepelletier. The principal male dancers are to be Coustou and Mabille. The subscription list is said to be unusually full this year.

The French papers mention the death and funeral of M. Silvestre de Sacy, the orientalist, at the ad-

vanced age of eighty-five.

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WORKS of BRITISH ARTISTS, is OPEN DAILY, from Ten
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ROYAL SOCIETY.

March 1.—The Earl of Burlington, V.P., in the chair.

Alexander Wilson, Esq. was elected a Fellow. The reading of Mr. Faraday's paper, entitled, 'Experimental Researches in Electricity,' twelfth series,

was resumed and concluded.

The object of the present series of researches is to examine how far the principal general facts in electricity are explicable on the theory adopted by the author, and detailed in his last memoir, relative to the nature of inductive action. The operation of a body charged with electricity, of either the positive or negative kind, on other bodies in its vicinity, as long as it retains the whole of its charge, may be regarded as simple induction, in contradistinction to the effects which follow the destruction of this statical equilibrium, and imply a transit of the electrical forces from the charged body to those at a distance, and which comprehend the phenomena of the electric Having considered, in the preceding paper, the process by which the former condition is established, and which consists in the successive polarization of series of contiguous particles of the interposed insulating dielectric, the author here proceeds to trace the process which, taking place consequently on simple induction, terminates in that dden, and often violent, interchange of electric forces constituting disruption, or the electric discharge. He investigates, by the application of his theory, the gradual steps of transition which may be traced between perfect insulation on the one hand, and perfect conduction on the other, derived from the varied degrees of specific electric relations subisting ar in the cideduces to not only but that nature, a

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The fact ascertained by Professor Wheatstone, that electric conduction, even in the most perfect conductors, as the metals, requires for its completion a certain appreciable time, is adduced in corroboration of these views: for any retardation, however small, in the transmission of electric forces can result only from induction: the degree of retardation, and, of course, the time employed, being proportional to the capacity of the particles of the conducting body for retaining a given intensity of inductive charge. The more perfect insulators, as lac, glass, and sulphur, are capable of retaining electricity of high intensity; while, on the contrary, the metals and other excellent conductors possess no power of retention when the intensity of the charge exceeds the lowest degrees. It would appear, however, that gases posses a power of perfect insulation, and that the effects generally referred to their capacity of conduction are only the results of the carrying power of the charged particles either of the gas, or of minute particles of dust which may be present in them: and they perhaps owe their character of perfect insulators to their peculiar physical state, and to the condition of separation under which their particles are placed. The changes produced by heat on the conducting power of different bodies are not uniform; for in some, as sulphuret of silver, and fluorade of lead, it is increased; while in others, as in the metals and the gases, it is diminished by an augmentation of temperature.

One peculiar form of electric discharge is that which attends electrolyzation, an effect involving pre-vious induction; which induction has been shown to take place throughout linear series of polarized particles, in perfect accordance with the views entertained by the author of the general theory of inductive action. The peculiar feature of this mode of discharge, however, is in its consisting, not in a mere interchange of electric forces at the adjacent poles of contiguous particles, but in their actual separation into their two constituent particles; those of each kind travelling onwards in contrary directions, and retaining the whole amount of the force they had acquired during the previous polarization. The lines of inductive action which occur in fluid electrolytes are exemplified by employing for that purpose clean rectified oil of turpentine, containing a few minute fibres of very clean dry white silk; for when the voltaic circuit is made by the introduction into the fluid of wires passing through glass tubes, the particles of silk are seen to gather together from all parts, and to form bands of considerable tenacity, extending between the ends of the wires, and presenting a striking analogy to the arrangement and adhesion of the particles of iron filings between the poles of a horseshoe magnet. The fact that water acquires greater power of electrolytic induction by the addition of sulphuric acid, which, not being itself decomposed, can act only by giving increased facility of conduc-tion, is adduced as confirming the views of the author.

The phenomena of the disruptive electric discharge are next examined with reference to this theory: the series of inductive actions which invariably precede it are minutely investigated; and reference is made to the accurate results obtained by Mr. Harris, as to the law of relation between the intensity of a charge, and the distance at which a discharge takes place through the air. The theory of Biot and others, which ascribes the retention of a charge of electricity in an insulated body to the pressure of the surrounding atmosphere, is shown to be inconsistent with various phenomena, which are readily explained by the theory adopted by the author.

The author then enters into an inquiry relative to the specific conducting capacities of different dielectics. With a view of determining the degrees of resistance to the transit of electricity exerted by different kinds of gases, he constructed an apparatus, in which an electric discharge could be made along either of two separate channels; the one passing through a receiver filled with the gas, which was to be the subject of experiment, and the other having atmospheric air interposed. By varying the length of

the passage through the latter, until it was found that the discharge occurred with equal facility through either channel, a measure was afforded of the relative resistance in those two lines of transit, and a determination consequently obtained of the specific insulating power of the gas employed.

The circumstances attending the diversified forms of the disruptive discharge, such as the vivid flash or spark, the brush or pencil of light, and the lucid point or star, which severally represent different conditions of the sudden transit of electrical forces through an intervening dielectric, are minutely investigated in their various modifications. The spark is the discharge, or reduction of the polarized induc-tive state of many dielectric particles, by the particular action of a few of these particles occupying but a small and limited space, leaving the others to return to their original or normal condition in the inverse order in which they had become polarized; and its path is determined by the superior tension which certain particles have acquired compared with others, and along which the action is accordingly conducted in preference to other lines of transit. The variety in the appearance of the electric spark taken in different gases may be ascribed partly to different degrees of heat evolved, but chiefly to spe-cific properties of the gas itself with relation to the electric forces. These properties appear also to give occasion to diversities in the form of the pencil, or brush, which takes place when the discharge is incomplete, and is repeated at short intervals, according to the shape of the conductor on either side, and according to the species of electricity conveyed. The diverging, converging, bent and ramified lines pre-sented in these different forms of electric discharge strikingly illustrate the deflexions and curvilinear courses taken by the inductive actions which precede the disruption; these lines being not unlike the magnetic curves in which iron filings arrange themselves when under the action of opposite magnetic polarities.

[Erratum.—In the Abstract of the Rev. B. Powell's paper, line 16 from the bottom, p. 151, for "valves," read "values."]

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

Feb. 26.—G. B. Greenough, Esq. V.P., in the chair.—Read, extracts from the following papers:—
1. 'On the Frozen Soil of Siberia,' by Professor Baer, of Saint Petersburg, communicated by Vice-Admiral von Krusenstern. It has long since been ascertained, says M. Baer, that over a great extent of country, the soil in Siberia is never entirely free from ice. During the summer, the surface of the ground is, to a greater or less depth, thawed; but at some distance from the surface, a bottom of per-petual ice is met with. Gmelin the elder, in his travels in Siberia, states, that shortly after the foundation of the town of Yakuzk (in lat. 621° north, long. 130° east nearly), at the end of the seventcenth century, the soil at that place was found to be frozen at a depth of ninety-one feet, and that the people were compelled to give up the design of sinking a well. Many other facts of this description were col-lected by travellers about the middle of the last century, but these facts seem not to have been generally credited; and even in 1825, Leopold von Buch, a philosopher whose opinion is of the greatest weight in all questions connected with the physical condition of the globe, rejected these statements as entirely erroneous, yet they have been corroborated in our days by the travels of Erman and Humboldt. Until very lately, nothing was known respecting the thickness of the frozen surface; but within these few years a merchant of the name of Schargin, having at-tempted to sink a well at Yakuzk, was about to abandon the project in despair of obtaining water, when Admiral Wrangel persuaded him to continue his operations till he had perforated the whole stratum of ice. This he did, and kept a complete journal of his work. The well or pit of Mr. Schargin has been sunk to the depth of 382 feet, and at that distance from the surface the soil was very loose, and the temperature of the earth \(\frac{1}{2}\) Reaumur (31° Fahr.), but nearer the surface it had been much lower, and had increased as follows :-

As the soil had already become loose at 350 feet, and as the aperture of the well was 8 feet square, and the work carried on partly during winter, when, of course, the column of cold air must have rushed into the pit and chilled the temperature, if is probable that the spot at which the thermometer marked into the pit and chilled the temperature, if is probable that the spot at which the thermometer marked the freezing point, was at the depth of 350 feet; this immense thickness of ground ice would prove that Siberia must have been for a long period in the same physical condition as it is at present. In the actual state of our information on this subject it is impossible to determine how widely this hayer of ground ice is spread under the surface of Siberia; yet we know enough to say, that it extends over an immense tract of country. Humbold found the soil frozen at a depth of 6 feet at Bosgolowsk, near the Ural, in 60° north lat. Near Beresow, Erman found the temperature of the earth, at a depth of 23 feet, still +1°-6, but in 1821 a dead body was disinterred, which had been buried 92 years before; the earth about it was frozen, and the body did not show any signs of decomposition. It has long been known that at Obdorsk, near the Arctic Circle, the ground ice advances farther north. It is to be hoped that measurements of the temperature will shortly be made at different depths at Yakuzk, and by methods which Mr. Schargin was unable to employ; also it is desirable to institute an inquiry as to the depth at which the ice annually disappears near the surface, and collect information on the depth of ground ice generally in Siberia. It would also be highly gratifying to me, and extremely interesting to science in general, if the Geographical Society of London would collect information respecting the extent of the layer of ground ice in North America, the thickness which it attains, and how much of it disappears by the summer heat, in those countries over which the factories of the Hudson's Bay Company are disserted.

 'Notes on a Journey from Tabriz, through Kurdistán, viá Ván, Bítlis, Se'ert and Erbíl, to Suleimániyeh, in August, 1836,' by Lieut.-Col. Shiel.

At Tabriz two routes were proposed to me (says Col. Shiel.) for reaching the Turkish camp, which was supposed to be situated to the north-east of Mosul. One was by proceeding to Jūlāmerik, and from thence through Tiyāri, the territory of the Nestorian Christians, whose almost impracticable country, joined to their own warlike character, enables them to avoid rendering obedience or tribute to Turk, Kurd, or Persian, and still corresponds with Xenophon's character of the Chaldeaus. The objectious to this route were the necessity of assuming the character of a Dervish, that is, of travelling under the appearance of great poverty, as my informant said that otherwise there could be no security, and of performing a part of the journey on foot, a portion of the road being totally impracticable for cattle. I therefore selected the route by Ván, although more distant.

July 15.—We left Tabriz, and proceeding in a western direction arrived on the evening of the 17th at the town of Dilmán, situated in the large and fertile valley of Selmás, which is bounded by the Lake of Urumiyah, on the east, and by the mountains of Kurdistán on the west. In this district Armenian Christians are very numerous, and exclusively occupy whole villages: there are also some villages inhabited by Roman Catholics, under the spiritual guidance of a Khalifah or Superintendent, appointed by the Vicar General in Baghdád. Like the Nestorians, these last call themselves Kaldánís, which is propably a national, not a religious designation, while they also style themselves Katoliks, a name by which they are known all over Kurdistán.

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Selmás is also a home for many of the Russian deserters in the service of Persia. Here they marry and settle when they are worn out and unfit for service, and form a sort of colony.

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July 18 .- We resumed our journey, and were were directed to accompany me to Van by their joined on the march by four Kurd hor chief Yehvá Khán, to whose sister the present King

of Persia is married.

The escort was well mounted on prancing Kurd horses; this breed is usually small, but strong, active, and hardy, and derived from the Arab stock : the chief of these Kurds was dressed in the usual gay costume of the better class of his countrymen: hort vellow boots, large cloth trousers, two or three jackets of striped cotton, a mantle, and an enormous turban of striped red and white silk and cotton, or of handkerchiefs of a variety of colours. Their arms are, a lance carried on the shoulder, and a large pair of pistols in the girdle. The Kurds are said to excel the Persians in courage and in horsemanship, but the fusil of the latter gives a great advantage; for however prodigal a Kurd may be in exposing his own person, his anxiety for the safety of his steed rarely allows him to encounter the Parthian warfare of the natives of Persia with success.

Our course was westerly; and two miles after leaving the old town of Dilmán, we entered the hills of Kurdistán: they were small, but of curious shape, as crowns, pyramids, &c. We then turned N.N.W. and ascended the banks of a small stream which runs under Dilman; and at 9 P.M. the Kurds informed us that we were close to a small deserted Kurd hamlet, and that there was no other habitation for

twenty miles.

July 19 .- After a tedious march of nine hours, in a N.N.W. direction, and various ascents and descents among hills, we arrived at the district and village of Kotúr, which are attached to the governorship of Khối in Persia. Overlooking this village, of about 60 houses, is a tolerable mud-fort on a mound, yet it was plundered in October, 1835, and held possession of during a month, till all the grain was carried off by a branch of the tribe of Hekkárí, nominally

under the Páshálik of Ván.

We were well received at the village, which is chiefly inhabited by Armenians; the chief was extremely civil, and supplied us with the best house, which belonged to an Armenian. A more unclean place I have seldom seen than his dwelling, which brought strongly to my recollection the habits of my dirty old acquaintances in Tibet. "The dingy deni-zens are reared in dirt" most conspicuously. Every body was filthy and in rags; but their poverty was more apparent than real, for the house we lodged in was crowded, like the generality of the other houses, with cows, buffaloes, calves, &c. The houses were not much higher than four feet outside, but as there was a considerable descent at the entrance, the height was much greater within.

July 20 .- We left Kotúr, and crossed to the left bank of the Kotúr Cháï, which flows with a very rapid stream. We then entered a wide defile, named Bálánjik, twelve or fourteen miles in length, with the above stream flowing through it. Our general course was west; at about the fifteenth mile we entered an immense meadow, and at the twenty-fifth mile halted, at the ruined village of Múllá Hasan, on the bank of a small stream flowing from the south. The horses were let loose to graze in the meadow, but saddled, to be ready at a moment's notice. This is the most unsafe part of the road between Khối and Ván, from the vicinity of the tribe of Khán Mahmud, who has taken possession of this meadow.

Continuing our journey, at about the fortieth mile the noble mountain of Sípán dágh was visible; it

After travelling forty-four miles, we halted at sunset at the Armenian village of Erchek; it was only after much altercation that we were able to procure a habitation. A swaggering Turk, dressed in plaid trousers, with an enormous pair of pistols in his belt, acted as master of the ceremonies, and a very un-

courteous one he proved.

July 21st.—We left Erchek and proceeded nearly south along the shore of the lake for nearly three miles, when we were close to its southern extremity. At about the thirteenth mile after crossing a low pass, we came in view of very fine scenery; the high scraggy naked rock of Warak dagh was six miles distant to the S.E., while to the south lay the plain of Van covered with villages, gardens, and cultiva-tion. The black rock of Warak is a remarkable

object; the direction of it is from N.E. to S.W., but the mountain is of no great extent, probably fifteen miles in length; high among the crags there is a solitary Armenian church, held in deep veneration; the reason given for placing it there is, that Moses was in the habit of praying upon that spot; but M. St. Martin says that it owes its sanctity to a cross which was erected on the site of the church by a celebrated female Armenian saint, named Hrhiphsimé (Rípsimé), who suffered martyrdom soon after Christianity was introduced into Armenia. A mile farther on, the lake of Van was visible, and soon after we beheld the rock of Ván and Sípán dágh, while the snowy mountains of Erdóz, which bound the southern extremity of the lake, closed the view. Sípán dágh is a splendid mountain; inferior to Aghrí dágh or Ararat, it perhaps nearly equals Demávend and Savalán in Persia; in appearance it exceeds them, but this may be owing to the absence of other mountains of great height.

The Páshá of Ván, who is an 'Osmánlí, not a Kurd, was a very gentlemanlike old man, and so like an European in his dress, that, were it not for his Turkish red cap, he might have passed for an Italian or a Spaniard. We drank sherbet, coffee, and tea, while he read the letters of which I was the bearer. He strongly expressed his desire to be of use to any one employed in the business of the King of England, between whom (praise be to God!) and the Ali Othman, the house of 'Osman, there was now, as there always had been, an intimate alliance. The Pasha then sent for his Visier, to consult him regarding the best road for proceeding to Reshid

Páshá's camp.

The scenery at Ván is the most beautiful I have seen in Asia: the town is situated in a large plain, said to be twelve farsakhs in circuit, studded with villages and gardens. The imposing mountains of Warak, Sípán, and Erdóz, are in full view, bounding the plain on the N.N.W. and S.E., while to the west lies the beautiful lake of Ván, distant one mile and a half. The rock of Ván is a most striking object. It is shaped somewhat like a camel's back, rising in the centre and falling at both ends. The ridge runs east and west, and is about 600 yards long, divided into three parts, each of which is about 200 yards in length. The rock stands alone, without any other hills in the vicinity, and is therefore more remarkable in its appearance. The town is placed under the southern face of the rock, and is enclosed with a wall of mud and stone, having large round and small square bastions, protected, though not on all sides, by a ditch. The population, including the suburbs, which are placed in the gardens outside the walls, is said to consist of 12,000 people, of whom 2,000 are Armenians, who are very numerous in this Páshálik. The other inhabitants of the town are chiefly Turks, the Kurds being few. As usual in Turkey, the little trade the town possesses is in the hands of Armenians; the town contains two large churches, four large mosques, two baths, and two caravanserais; though the streets are narrow, the town is tolerably clean; the houses are built of mud and bricks, and contrary to the practice of Persia, where nothing but a gloomy wall meets the eye, every dwelling has latticed windows to the street, and many have wooden rooms at the top, overhanging the street, where the 'Osmánlís sit and smoke. Over every door the words "Allahu Akber" (God is great) are inscribed. The bázárs are few, and chiefly inhabited by Armenian weavers and mercers. The manufactures are the coarse cotton chintzes worn by the Kurds and Turks; cotton and corn are imported from Persia, for which money is paid.

The lake is described by Macdonald Kinneir to be twenty-five or thirty miles in length, and from nine to twelve in breadth, yet it has the appearance of being double that extent, and in fact a much greater size is attributed to it by the inhabitants; the water is brackish, but drinkable; a few boats are employed on it in trading between Ván, Akhlát, and Tedván, on the west side; yet, though we marched several days on the shores of the lake, not one was to be seen. At a village near Ván I saw a boat on the stocks; it was formed of planks six feet in length, six inches in breadth, and fastened with iron nails; the length of the boat was about forty feet, the bottom was flat, and eight feet in breadth, while the top

Ván, from its strength and favourable positio near the lake, was probably a place of importance in very remote antiquity, and this is in some degree confirmed by various inscriptions; on the south face of the highest part of the rock, sixty or seventy feet from the ground, there is an inscription about five feet by four in size. Intervening houses prevented nearer inspection than 150 yards, and even with a good telescope, I was only able to conjecture that it was in the arrow-headed character.

The climate of Van is extremely severe; none of the fruit was yet ripe: snow falls about the 20th of November, and sometimes remains six months; a portion of the lake is frozen in very severe winters.

At the termination of the reading, an animated discussion took place on Professor Baer's paper on the frozen soil of Siberia, in which the Chairman, Mr. Murchison, Captain Back, Mr. De la Beche, and Mr. Ainsworth, stated their views on the subject. It appeared to be generally considered that the experiment at Yakuzk had not been made with sufficient care to authorize the belief that the frost penetrates to so great a depth as 350 feet below the surface of the globe: also, that the statements of M. Arago and Von Buch, and others in our own country, on the increase of temperature in proportion to the distance from the surface, was fully borne out by the observations of M. Schargin, and almost exactly in the same ratio as hitherto found. Captain Back stated, that in his many years' experience in the cold regions of North America, even in the height of an Arctic summer, he had never known the ground thawed more than four feet below the surface; but that experiments on the subject were very much to be desired.

A curious statistical map of Iceland, engraved by Mr. James Gardner, was exhibited, which indicated, by eighteen varieties of shade (without colour), the density of population throughout the country, a mode of conveying as correct an impression, almost at a glance, as could the study of elaborate tables. Among the donations were two shaded maps illustrating the remarkable course of the hurricanes of 1836 and 1837, throughout the West India Islands.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Jan. 17 .- The President in the chair.

The first paper which was read gave an account of the formations noticed by Dr. Bell in a journey from Teheran (lat. 85° 40' north, long. 50° 52' cast,) eastward to Feeroozkooh, then northwards across the Elboorz Mountains, and afterwards along the course of the Talâr to the Caspian, and back to Te-

heran by the banks of the Heraz.

Teheran stands on an alluvial plain, and deposits of the same age form low hills and valleys in several places along the line of route followed by Dr. Bell. Below Sheergah, the country, as far as the Caspian, is an alluvial, muddy flat; and along the shore of that inland sea are innumerable trunks of large trees, which had been drifted down by the rivers. is stated to be fast filling up, and the discoloured streams which flow into it may be traced for five or six miles. Near the shore, the water is so fresh, that horses drink it; and Dr. Bell says, that the shells are chiefly of fresh water genera. The other formsare chiefly of fresh water genera. The other forma-tions described, are a lithographic limestone, apparently destitute of organic remains, and constituting extensive districts around Teheran; a system of strata of sandstone, shale, and coal noticed in the bed of the Dalee Chaee, also on the north side of the Elboorz Mountains; and about a mile below the village of Bulkulum, is a precipice about 1000 feet high, composed of perpendicular beds of coal and sandstone. A limestone, considered by Dr. Bell as the representative of the carboniferous limestone of England, underlies the coal strata, and composes the hills to the south-east of Teheran, and occurs extensively in other parts of Mazunderan. Many varieties of trap and porphyritic rocks were observed; and the author is of opinion, that the ravines through which the Talar and the Heraz flow are not due to denudation, but to rents at remote periods. He also noticed, especially along the course of the latter river, numerous vestiges of the effects of modern earthquakes.

A paper, by Mr. Burr, was afterwards read, 'On the Geology of the line of the Birmingham and Gloucester Railway.'

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The c ire, an † Sir . February examined by finite has been long well known to geo-logists, yet the borings and shafts made during the survey enabled Mr. Burr to lay before the Society a mass of valuable details, which it would be impos-sible to obtain by any other means. In concluding his paper, he expressed a hope that surveyors employed on similar investigations will be induced to lay the results of their field work before the Geological Society; and he acknowledged his great obli-stions to Captain Moorsom, the superintending engineer of the line, for being permitted to make fee use of all the geological information he obtained

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An account, by Mr. Morris, of the coast section from White Chiff Lodge, near Ramsgate, to the Chiff send, in Pegwell Bay, was afterwards read.

The portion of coast noticed in this communi-

cation is composed, for about three-quarters of a mile, of chalk, and, for the remainder of the distance, of the lower or sandy beds of the London clay. The chalk belongs to the upper division of the formation; and the principal object of the paper is to describe a series of dislocations, marked by shifts in a layer of tabular fints. In a distance of about 340 yards, ten faults, varying from one to four feet each, traverse the cliffs, and the layer of flint is brought down to within three feet of the shore. In two instances, the line of disturbance is coincident with an oblique bed of fint. At the bottom of the cliff the faults are marked by small caves, produced apparently by the action of the waves upon the fissure in the chalk; and a cove, a little beyond the last disturbance, Mr. Morris is of opinion was excavated by the sea acting upon a greater dislocation. The sands of the London clay were shown, by position and fossils, to be the equivalents of the beds between Reculver and Herne Bay. The destruction of the cliffs, until means were taken to protect them, is calculated to have been about three feet annually. The wells at the Preventive Station and Pegwell are sunk about thirty feet through loam and chalk; and the water, which is about ten feet deep, is affected by the fall and rise of the tide.

Jan. 31. The President in the chair. An exthat from a letter addressed by Sir J. Herschel to Mr. Lyell, dated Feldhausen, June 12, 1837, was first read. It contained some additional observations relative to the writer's views respecting the encrement of temperature which may be produced in some places within the crust of the earth, by the distribution of additional beds of sediment over the bottom of the occan, and the consequent elevation of those tracts. In this letter, Sir John Herschel expressly alludes to Mr. Babbage's view on the subject, given in a paper on the Temple of Scrapis, read in March, 1834; but he states, that he was not aware of that gentleman having speculated on the same mutual re-action of the surface and the interior of the globe, till his attention was recently called to the circumstance.

A paper on the Mines of Huantaxaya, in the por-

The polynomic of Tarapara, Peru, by Mr. Bollaert, and communicated by Mr. Darwin, was then read.

These mines are three leagues from the port of Iguique, (lat. 21° 13′ S., long. 70° W.), and in a mountain hollow about 2800 feet above the level of the sea. The mass of the mountain consists of an argillaceous limestone, traversed by numerous argentiferous and other veins, which range N.E. by E., to S.W. by W.; but the mines of Huantaxaya are in a superficial accumulation, called Panizo.

This deposit is from 80 to 100 yards thick, and is composed of fragments of limestone not water worn, and dried mud, apparently derived from the same mck. It is regularly stratified, some of the beds rock. It is regularly stratified, some of the bound containing nodules of ore, being called Sinta, and the others, in which no ore is found, Bruto. The metallic nodules are of all sizes, and, as many of them resemble a potato in form, they are called papas. The ores consist of native silver, chloride of siver, sulphurets of copper and lead, and carbonates of copper. The miners believe that each layer of Sinta has been derived from a particular vein in the limestone, and that they can determine to which vein a papa originally belonged.

The only instruments used in working the Panizo, are, an iron bar six inches long, and a small iron

† Sir John Herschel's first letter, dated Feldhausen, February 20, 1836, was read May 17th, 1837.

proposed line of railway; and though the district mallet. With these tools the Panizero rapidly adsufficient for his body to pass through on hands and knees. In clearing out the contents of the honeycombed galleries, a hide bag is strapped over his shoulders, but, in passing the narrower parts, the miner transfers the bag to one of his feet, and drags it after him. The danger of working the unconsoli-dated materials is greatly enhanced by frequent shocks of earthquakes.

A notice on the Peat-bogs and Submarine Forests near Poole, by the Rev. W. B. Poole, was afterwards

The forests and associated peat bogs principally described, occur at Bourne Mouth, the heads of the the two valleys called Bourne Bottom and Knighton Bottom, and to the north of Poole, at Hatch Pond, Bottom, and to the north of Poole, at Hatch Pond, Creekmoor, and Lytchet. The first of these was originally described by Mr. Lyell, in the fourth edition of his 'Principles of Geology,' and its submarine position explained by the advance of the sea on the coast, and the undermining of the peat bogs by the action of streams of fresh water. Each of the deposits referred to in the paper, is carefully described by Mr. Clarke, particularly those in Bourne Bottom and Knighton Bottom, and he conceives that a part of the trees found at Bourne Mouth have been transported from the long on the Mouth have been transported from the bog on the the head of the latter valley. With respect to the pyritous trees mentioned by Mr. Lyell, the author is of opinion that they have been derived from the neighbouring beds of sand, belonging to the plastic clay, because he found in them, in the summer of 1837, a similar pyritous trunk. Some of the other peat bogs,—as at Hatch Pond and Creekmoor,—are stated to have been, at no distant period, overflowed by the sea; and in explaining their position, Mr. Clarke adopts, in part, the agency of subterranean currents of water.

In Poole Harbour are vast banks of mud; and in noticing rapid accumulations, the author states, that in digging a well in West-street, in the town of Poole, a mass of sea weed was found, with remains of an embankment, six feet below the surface of the street, and a furlong from the present high water

The Anniversary Meeting of the Society was held on Friday, the 16th February, when the following Fellows were elected the officers and Council for the ensuing year :-

ensuing year:—

President, Rev. William Whewell.—Vice Presidents,
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Roderick Impey Murchison, Esq., and the Rev. Professor
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William John Hamilton, Esq.—Foreign Secretary, H. T.
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Council: Henry Boase, M.D., Rev. Professor Buckland,
D.D., Viscount Cole, M.P., Professor Buckland,
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Sir P. Grey Egerton, Bart., M.P., G. B. Greenough, Esq.,
Leonard Hormer, Esq., Robert Hutton, Esq., Sir Charles
Lemon, Bart., M.P., Marquis of Northampton, Richard
Owen, Esq., Sir Woodbine Parish, K.C.H., Professor
Royle, M.D., and T. Weaver, Esq.

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After the usual reports had been read by the Secre taries, the President announced that the Wollaston Medal for the past year, had been awarded to Mr. Richard Owen; and, on presenting it to him, Mr.

Whewell said:—
"Mr. Owen,—I have peculiar pleasure in presenting to you this medal, awarded to you by this Society, for your services to Fossil Zoology in general society, for your services to Possii Zoology in general, and in particular for the description of the fossii mammalia collected by Mr. Darwin. I trust it will be a satisfaction to you to receive this our testimony of the success with which you have cultivated that great science of comparative zoology, to which you have devoted your powers. I trust it will add to your satisfaction, to consider that the subject which we more peculiarly wish to mark on this occasion,— the study of Fossil Zoology,—is one to which the resources of your science were applied, while the subject was yet new, by that great man—John Hunter,—whose museum and whose reputation are so worthily assigned to your care. I trust also that this medal, thus awarded to you, at the outset—if I may so say—of an enlarged conjugation of investments. may so say of an enlarged series of investigations, will convey to you the assurance, that, in your progress in such researches, you carry with you our strong interest in your endeavours, and our high esteem of your powers and your objects; and will convince you, that in all your successes, you may

reckon upon our most cordial sympathy in the pleasure which your discoveries give.

Mr. Owen acknowledged the distinction conferred upon him.

During the morning meeting, the President read that part of his address which contained an obituary of those Members of the Society deceased during the past year, who had contributed most to the advancement of Geology, -viz., Professor Turner, Mr. Cole-brooke, Professor Farish, and Herr von Hoff. At the evening meeting he read the remainder of the address. containing a review of the communications laid before the Society during the year.

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY.

Feb. 9.—The Anniversary Meeting was held this day for the election of officers, and for receiving the Report of the Council; which, besides the usual statement of the Finance, and of the acquisition of new Mombers, entered at large into the proceedings of the Society during the past year. After deploring the loss of Mr. Colebrooke (one of its former Presidents), Dr. Tiarks, Mr. Catton, and Professor Moll, the report goes on to state that the tenth volume of the Memoirs of the Society is now in the press, and it is hoped will soon be completed. It will contain, amongst other valuable papers, two which are the results of observations made at the Observatory at the Cape of Good Hope: one by Mr. Henderson, on the declination of the principal stars in the south-ern hemisphere; and the other by Mr. Maclear re-lative to the re-appearance of Halley's comet after its perihelion passage. These two papers, although forming a portion of the forthcoming volume, have been printed wholly at the public expense: an evident proof, amongst others that will be mentioned in the course of this Report, of the encouragement which her Majesty's Government is disposed to give to science, when favourable opportunities offer for their assistance and support.

The Council then announced a variety of presents received since the last anniversary; amongst which is the grant of the valuable advowson of Hartwell. in Buckinghamshire, by Dr. Lee, the Treasurer; another, of a portrait of Professor Schumacher, by Mr. Baily; and another of Mr. Baily himself, by a body of subscribers. The attention of the meeting was then called to the liberality of government, in granting the sum of 5001. for the repetition of the Cavendish experiment for determining the mean density of the earth; and to the steps already taken for carrying it into effect. An eulogium was also passed on the conduct of the British Association for the advancement of Science, for their having appropriated the sum of 1000l. towards the improvement and reduction of astronomical catalogues; and on the Board of Admiralty, for having printed Mr. Groombridge's catalogue of circumpolar stars, the manuscript observations of which are deposited with the Society, agreeably to Mr. Groombridge's request. The Council also alluded to the arrival of the astronomical and pendulum observations made by the late Lieut. Murphy, during the voyage under Col. Chesney, down the Euphrates; which had been transmitted by the Board of Control, with a request that the Council would superintend the reduction of that the Council would superintend the reduction of them, which has been undertaken by the Rev. R. Sheepshanks and Mr. Baily. In conclusion, the Council congratulated the Meeting on the flourishing state of the Society, and expressed an earnest hope that the same activity and unity of action would continue to influence and pervade their future pro-ceedings. A numerous list of benefactors closed the reading of this Report, and the meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing

proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following were unanimously elected: President, Francis Baily, Eq. — Vice President; George Biddell Airy, Eq., Thomas Galloway, Eq., Lieut. Henry Raper, R.N., John Wrottelley, Eq., —Treesurer, John Lee, Eq., Ll.D.—Secretaries, George Bishop, Eq., Augustus De Morgan, Eq., Fergip Secretary, Capt. W. H. Smyth, R.N.—Councit: T. Bramah, Eq., Rev. James Challis, M.A., Lieut. W. T. Denison, R.E., Rev. George Fisher, M.A., Davies Gilbert, Eq., Rev. Robert Main, M.A., Col. C. W. Pasley, E. Riddle, Eq., W. Simms, Esq., Lieut. William S. Stratford, R.N.

met with, although not found in any of the gardens or plantations in the vicinity.

A paper was read from Mr. J. Hogg, proposing a new classification of amphibia.—After reviewing the different modes of arrangement adopted for this class of animals, the author concluded by proposing one formed on the organs of respiration. He divides them into sub-classes: 1. Monopneumana, which constitutes three orders_1, Abranchia; 2, Caducibranchia; and 3, Imperfectibranchia, according to the absence or the imperfectly-developed or deciduous nature of the gills or external orders of respira-The 2nd sub-class, or Diplopneumana, present both branchial and pulmonary organs of respiration. It contains one order, the Manentibranchia, in which the branchia are permanent. Those curious genera, the Proteus and Siren, belong to this class.

Feb. 20.—Edward Forster, Esq., V.P., in the chair.
A paper was read from Mr. B. H. Hodgson, British Resident at the Court of Nepaul, being a catalogue of the Nepaulese Mammalia. The list conlogue of the Nepaulese Mammalia. tained ninety-eight species and varieties, of which about one-half were first made known by the author. who has most zealously cultivated this branch of science. One remarkable feature of the catalogue of the Fauna of this country, was the great number of Ruminants in proportion which it contains.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK. (Asiatic Society Two, r.w. Westminster Medical Society Eight. College of Physicians Nine. Entomological Society Eight. Royal Academy (Sculpture) Eight. (Horticultural Society Three. SAT. Royal Academy (Sculpture)

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

This Evening, A NEW WAY TO PAY OLD DEBTS. (Sir Giles Oregreeck, Mr. Charles Kean); and THE MOUNTAIN SYLPH. On Monday, RICHARD THE THIRD; and BLUE BEARD. Wedneyday, there will be no Parket. dnesday, there will be no Performance, ursday, RICHARD THE THIRD.

COVENT GARDEN.

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QUARTETT CONCERTS.

HAMOFER-SQUARE ROUNS.

Messrs. BLAGROVE, GATTIE, DANDO, and LUCAS, beg to inform the Public that the SECOND BUT ARTEST CONCERT, which His Royal Highness THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE will honour with his presence, will take place on THURSDAY o'clock. Tickets. 7s. each; or four (admissible at any Concert o'the series) for One Guinea, may be procured of the Conductors; or at Messrs. Collards, Cheapaide; and Messrs. Cramer & Co. Regent-street. QUARTETT CONCERTS.

MESSRS, MORI AND LINDLEY'S CLASSICAL CHAMBER CONCERTS .- The managers of these very agreeable meetings appear to follow the taste of their audiences, by performing works comparatively familiar, in place leading it, by the production of music little known. Setting aside, however, their bearing upon the progress of Art in this country, nothing can be pleasanter than these Concerts. At the Second, the instrumental pieces were Onslow's quintett in c, Mozart's in E flat, Corelli's trio in E, and Beethoven's pianoforte quintett, with wind instruments. In this Mrs. Anderson sustained the leading partsorry to add, most inefficiently. The other instrumental work was Beethoven's quartett in A, with the most delicious of varied themes, for its slow move-ment. The singers were Miss F. Wyndham, Miss Woodham, Madlle. Schieroni, Signor Brizzi, and Mr. J. Parry, jun. At the Third Concert, Madame Dulcken's performance of a concerto by Mendelssohn was, perhaps, the greatest attraction: Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. A. Shaw, and Signor Castellan, were the singers.

CLASSICAL CONCERTS BY WIND INSTRUMENTS .-The second took place yesterday week .- Like the first, it was well attended, and very unsatisfactory. No

fault can be laid to the players: though some of them were more at home in the show compositions by Reicha, written to exhibit their peculiar powers, than in the quintett by Spohr-in which that master, always preoccupied to stubbornness by his one idea, wrote their parts for the composition, and not for the performers, and wherein, therefore, the latter would have done well to bestow a little extra study on the music. Herr Kroff sung Schubert's 'Ungeduld' with great feeling :- is the nasality of his tone national? something like it used to chequer our pleasure in hearing that admirable artist Haitzinger. Miss Masson was deservedly encored in Winter's Paga fui,' and afterwards sung with Miss Wyndham a duett by Niedermayer. The latter lady's 'Notte tremenda' was sadly caricatured; all the Italian airs and graces attempted, without the Italian bocca or the Italian fervour. Ah! mai più ti rivedrò, was surely not meant to be sung through with a smile of complacency at every long-drawn high note, or neatly finished division!

THEATRES. The rage to see Mr. Charles Kean burns with such intensity that no quantity of rain seems to quench it. There are very few instances upon theatrical record of individual attraction equal to his; and we should say, from an inspection of the house on Friday evening, that it is, if anything, upon the increase. We regret that so little notice has been taken by the press of a circumstance which took place at this theatre a few evenings since. Mr. King, who appears to be a sensible and well conducted young man, and a respectable, though perhaps not a very attractive actor, has been frequently (in common with the well-conducted part of the audience,) annoyed of late (after the commencement of the half-price be it observed) by hisses proceeding from half-tipsy visitors, echocd by some few noodles who had not even that poor excuse for their ill-behaviour. On the evening in question Mr. King was playing Richmond, and the hissing was repeated to such an extent that he at length came forward and addressed the audience. He stated briefly, that no man could have a more moderate estimate of his own abilities than he had, that it was not by his own wish that the part was allotted to him, and that he was doing his best to please, but that if subjected to such treatment it would be perfectly impossible for him to do anything, and that he would not attempt it. This short address was given in very good taste, and its manliness and modesty so won upon his hearers, that the distur-bers shrank back abashed; the performance pro-ceeded with applause, and after Mr. Kean had appeared at the conclusion of the play to receive the usual honours, there was a universal call for Mr. King, who was fetched by Mr. Charles Kean, and made his bows to the house amidst deafening We do not approve of actors talking to cheers. the audience as a system, but there are occasions when it may be excused, and this was one of them. We have deemed it a matter of justice to circulate the fact, in order to assist, as far as we can, in Mr. King's being held in better respect for the future 'The Lady of Lyons' continues to be very well received at Covent Garden. The truth is, that too high a ground has been taken for it, and on that ground, which is no lower than that of a standard play of the English language, it cannot sustain itself. It is not, either in point of character or construction, beyond a melo-drama, a very effective and enter-taining one; but there is nothing to lift it from the place which we have assigned to it, except the circumstance of its being in five acts, instead of three We perceive that the farce of ' Macintosh and Co.' was withdrawn after the second night. Mr. Power has consequently been obliged to return to his old characters in 'The Nervous Man,' Born to Good Luck,' &c .- A new two-act piece was produced at the Olympic on Thursday, called by the name of 'You can't marry your Grandmother.' It is from the work-shop, or rather play-shop of Mr. Haynes Bayly, who has contrived to give us a pleasing reminder of the information contained in the last leaf of the family Bible. Mr. Farren, Mr. Keeley, Mr. C. Mathews, and Mr. James Vining, Madame Vestris and Mrs. Orger, all did their best to sustain this farce, which, though agreeable and gentlemanly, (if we may apply such an epithet to

a burletta,) like all Mr. Bayly's productions yet rather thin in its dialogue. There doubt about its success; and a poetical conclusion to long as to amount to an epilogue, increased the good humour of the audience, and obtained much laughter and applause.

MISCELLANEA

The Distin Femily... Sex.,—Will you permit me to say a few words apropos to a remark in your "Goosip" last welt. I refer to a kindly notice of the Distin family, who, wis the Tyrol family, Rayner, give Concerts daily at William Rooms, St. Jamee's. The good-humoured critic, after a marking on the performance, interrupts himself with a natural thought as to the neighbours of the Distins, while the father was training up his sons with that constant pre-tice which their present mastery over brass instruments. the intere was training up in some with that constant pro-tice which their present mastery over bears instrument must pre-suppose. Now I happened to be their neighbor some years ago. The father had just suffered a bitter dis-appointment. He had been first trumpet in King George the Fourth's private band; every member of which was lid the Fourth's private band; every member of which was his without the smallest compensation for the loss of that practice he had quitted for the royal service. Distin, with large family, was at that time struggling hard for an existence, for which he chiefly depended on his daily practice on the trumpet with his pupils; two of his sons were the pupils of the Royal Academy, and constant practice was required by them also; yet I am sure you will feel pleamer in hearing as I do in stating the fact, the kind-hearted massician abstained entirely from practice, and prevented the practice of his sons for several weeks, in consideration of the suffering of a neighbour, of whom he knew nothing massitian that she was a female, and dangerously ill. You kindly critic will not wonder to hear that, after this laddent, the strains of our musical neighbours gave us greet delight whenoever they thought sit to favour us. But events called the Dixtins to the Highlands of Scotland; he scame attached to the micaage of a noble unraquis, on whose events catted the Diffins to the Highlands of Scotland; he became attached to the medage of a noble nursquis, on whose estate in Perthshire, time and quietness were gained forthe acquirement of that skill which now distinguishes the family. How the noble lord was induced to part with in accomplished minstrels I know not; but the support of the accompassed ministers i know not; but the support of me public, and the approbation, &c. must leave the Distin-nothing to regret. They have served a king, they have served a lord, but find the public the only true patrons of talent such as theirs; and, on the public at least, a trail of benevolence is never lost; which must be my excuse for troubling you with this note.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Coronation .- There is a report that the Coronation is to take place in August. The difference in the forms and ceremonies, that will be the conse quence of the Sovereign being female, are already beginning to be discussed, and will, no doubt, son find employment for the officials of the Herald's College. There is no doubt that these personages would render the Queen an essential, or, at any rate, an acceptable service if they could, by any possibility, find a precedent for dispensing with, or at least altering, the form of the homage of the Peers; as it is, Her Majesty will have to receive the kisses of six hundred old gentlemen on this occasion. The homage is performed thus: _the Archbishops and Bishops first, kneeling before the sovereign, the Archbishop of Canterbury saying aloud, and the rest of the Bishops following him, 'I, William, Archbishop of Canterbury, (and so the rest of the Bishops) will be faithful and true, and faith and truth will unto you our Sovereign Lord (Lady), and your Heirs, Kings of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. And I will do, and truly acknowledge the Service of the lands which I claim to hold of you, as in right of the Church. So help me God.' The Archbishops and Bishops then get up, and kiss the Sovereign's left cheek. Then the temporal Peers (each class separately) follow. After the oath has been pronounced the Peers rise, but still remain unbonneted; and each Peer, according to his rank and precedence, singly ascends the throne, and touches with his hand the crown on the Sovereign's head, and kisses his or her cheek. Now, as it is not likely that many Peers will be absent on so interesting an occasion as the Coronation of our young Queen, Her Majesty will have to undergo a rather severe infliction in the chaste salutes of the Lords spiritual and temporal. Cheltenham Looker-on.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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